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Brackets – titles
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2003

(no paper today)

Ron Smoots

FORT WAYNE — Ron L. Smoots, 65, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at 1:15 p.m. at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smoots founded and operated Pic Trics, the first video production house in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Advisory Council for Cable Television Programming.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. While attending Indiana University, he was a member of The Singing Hoosiers.

He was born Nov. 24, 1937, in Ligonier to Russell and Ophia (Harendeen) Smoots.

He is survived by his wife, Susan (DeLong) Smoots; two daughters, Amy Blaettner and Lesley Douglas, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Todd Smoots of Littleton, Colo.; three granddaughters; two sisters, Linda Frick and Sally Davis, both of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Jim Smoots of Kendallville.

A sister, Sharon Stewart, preceded him in death.

Services were held Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Jim Keifer officiated. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery of Fort Wayne. Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Debora Bienz

ASHLEY — Debora A. Bienz, 35, of Ashley, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003. Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Debora Bienz

ASHLEY — Debora Ann Bienz, 35, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at her home in Ashley.

Mrs. Bienz

Mrs. Bienz worked as an inspector for Ashley Industrial Molding for 12 1/2 years. She attended Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley and also New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. She was a 1986 graduate of DeKalb High School.

She was born Sept. 28, 1967, in Auburn to Jack and Sharon (Yarian) Rennwald. They survive in Waterloo.

She married Floyd Bienz in on June 3, 1989, Leo. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ty E. Bienz and Brock A. Bienz, both at home; three daughters, Jacquline A. Bienz, Stefany S. Bienz and Ericka R. Bienz, all at home; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jackie Lynn and Raymond Love of Auburn and Teresa Dawn and Tom Hire of Corunna; her mother-in-law, Judith Bienz of Orland; grandparents Dorothy Squires of Texas and Don Yarian of Garrett; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Richard Bienz, Ron and Renee Bienz and Scott and Tracey Bienz.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Robert Pauley officiating.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Bienz Children College Education Fund.

Burton Nichols

PLEASANT LAKE — Burton D. Nichols, 76, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at his home on Bellefountaine Road.

Mr. Nichols

He was a self-employed auto body repairman and worked for several years at Moore Business Forms in Angola. He retired in 1988.

A life-long resident of Steuben County, he was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He was born March 25, 1926, to Arthur and Myrtle (VanNyse) Nichols.

He married G. Irene Thomas on April 8, 1946, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Joan Marie Anderson, Concord, Mich.; two sisters, Betty Luxford of San Diego, Calif., and Burdena Day, Fremont; a brother, Blaine Nichols of Angola, and six grandchildren: Tonya and Taine Merrow, Tricia Hodges, Amy Brown, Cassandra Nichols and Bryon Anderson.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judi Ann Nichols and a son, Joe Nichols.

Private services were today at 10 a.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with his daughter, Joan Marie Anderson, officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Bertha Markey

LEO — Bertha M. Markey, 75, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at 5:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Markey was employed in the cafeteria at St. Joseph Hospital for 17 years, retiring in 1989. She was a former member of St. John Lutheran Church and enjoyed participating in a variety of activities with her family at The Cedars Retirement Home, Leo.

She was born July 12, 1927, in Fort Wayne, to Xavier M. and Selma (Daring) Beckstedt.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie Fullerton of Auburn and Becky Beckman of Fort Wayne; a son, David Markey of Albion; a brother, Bernard Beckstedt of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Anna Navarra of San Francisco, Calif., and Rita Knisley of Monroeville; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert F. "Red" Markey, in 1985 and by a daughter, Jackie Karn, in 1994.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Allen Hospice or Erin's House for Grieving Children.

Russell Conrad

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Russell James Conrad, 69, formerly of LaOtto, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at his home in New Port Richey.

He retired as a plumber for Century Plumbing in Hudson after 21 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He was born in Ashley and moved from LaOtto to Florida in 1977.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Annabelle M. Conrad of New Port Richey; a son, Troy J. Conrad of Hudson, three daughters, Lana Jo Whonsetler and Valerie Sue Nadzam, both of New Port Richey, and Kellie Ann Sykes of Hudson; five sisters, Luella Stabler of Fort Wayne, Virginia Scheurich of Kendallville, Helen Battooletti of Amhurst, Ohio, Alice Egolf of Ashley and Judy Conrad of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services are today at 8 p.m. at Thomas B. Dobies Funeral Home in New Port Richey. Burial will be at a later date at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Ida Rupert

KENDALLVILLE — Ida Irene Rupert, 90, died at 1:48 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She moved from Fort Wayne to Kendallville in 1958. She retired as a cook at the V&A Restaurant after 20 years. She was a volunteer with the Council on Aging for several years.

She was born in Camden, Ind., on Sept. 6, 1912, to Thomas Edgar and Rose Zetta (Sellers) Evans.

She married Ralph John Rupert Sr. in Fort Wayne on Sept. 27, 1927. He died Oct. 3, 1981.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Robert Rupert, who died Jan. 8, 1992; five grandchildren; one brother, Jessie Dorman Evans, who died in 1992; two half-brothers, Russell and Ray Issacs; and one half-sister, Alida McMullin.

Surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Ruth Waldron and Carolyn Latta, both of Kendallville, and Vivian Jane and Elton Fluke of Waterloo; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles Thomas Rupert of Kendallville, Ralph John Rupert Jr. of Skinner Lake, Paul Alan and Ruth Rupert of Ligonier, Keith and Peggy Rupert of Skinner Lake and Gregory and Deena Rupert of Albion; 36 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren;

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with Pastor Roger Olson officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill or to the nutrition site.

Wayne Laisure

FORT WAYNE — Wayne "Shorty" L. Laisure, 77, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at Woodview Healthcare.

Mr. Laisure was an inspector at International Harvester Co. and a native of Corunna. He was a member of New Haven United Methodist Church and Sol D. Bayless Masonic Lodge 359.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and the recipient of six Purple Hearts and a Silver and Bronze star.

Surviving are a son, Larry W. Laisure of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carolyn R. Brown and Linda L. Mullenhour, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Wendell Laisure of Indianapolis; a sister, Mary Willms of Orland; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Constance R. Laisure; and four brothers.

Services are 1:30 p.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven. Burial with military graveside services by the U.S. Army will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Support Group.

Marjory Stroman

GARRETT — Marjory L. Stroman, 88, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at 7:25 p.m. in Swiss Village Retirement at Berne.

A longtime Garrett resident, she had been a resident of Swiss Village for one year.

Before her marriage, she served as postmistress in Helmer. Later, she was a homemaker.

A talented pianist, she accompanied many choirs and soloists. She played first violin in the Steuben County Orchestra and received many awards in violin competitions.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church for more than 50 years.

She was born July 13, 1914, in Steuben County to Carl and Grace (Boyer) Leas.

She married Merritt L. Stroman on Dec. 25, 1937. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Suzanne Stabler of Bluffton; two sons, Roger Stroman of Vermilion, Ohio, and Jeffery Stroman of Indianapolis; a brother, Stanley Leas of Eufala, Okla.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ross Leas.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Dr. Scott Moss will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church, Swiss Village-Berne, or the Christian Care Retirement Center of Bluffton.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Linda May

LAGRANGE — Linda L. May, 59, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at home. She had cancer for the past two years.

Mrs. May was a first-grade teacher at Lima-Brighton School in Howe and a partner, with her husband and son, in the Frurip-May Funeral Home business.

She was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, National Education Association, Order of the Eastern Star Sylvan Chapter 251 and Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, where she formerly served as youth choir director.

Mrs. May

She started teaching six or seven years ago, according to her husband, Lowell E. May.

"She stayed home and raised her family," her husband said. "When her kids graduated and went off to college, so did she."

She was born Nov. 30, 1943, in Kendallville to Hays O. and Erma (Williamson) Huntsman. She married Lowell E. May in Albion on Feb. 15, 1964. They moved to LaGrange in June 1968. He survives.

The Mays purchased partnership in the funeral home in 1973. Mr. Frurip died in 1981, and the couple bought his half of the business.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, LeAnn and Timothy Birky of Kingwood, Texas, and Melissa and Frederick Platt of Gurnee, Ill.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott L. and Kathy May of Noblesville and Brian H. and Jennifer May of Wolcottville; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Stephen Flynn and Carl Bell will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Lima-Brighton School library or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Sherman Healey

ASHLEY — Sherman F. Healey, 87, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, at 7:55 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement in 1980, Mr. Healey worked as a barber for 50 years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, the American Rabbit Breeders Association and American Standard Chinchilla Club. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Sept. 14, 1915, in LaGrange County to Almon and Edna (Dunithon) Healey.

He married Jeanne Sutton on June 26, 1939, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael and Carol Healey of LaGrange, Jon and Margaret Healey of Stockton, Calif., Dennis and Lynda Healey of Etna, Wyo., Steven Healey of Ashley and Pete Healey and his fiancee, Debbie Prater of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Teresa and Henry Roark of Angola and Lisa Carpenter of Lake City, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five children in infancy and three brothers, Milo, Charles and Carl Healey.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church and the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Elizabeth Daniels

TOPEKA — A. Elizabeth Daniels, 84, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Daniels was a homemaker and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Fish Lake. An Elkhart County native, she was a resident of Topeka and a former resident of Millersburg and Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Lawrence S. Daniels; two sons, Dennis E. Schrock of St. Charles, Ill., and Philip D. Schrock of South Bend; two brothers, Ernest E. Whirledge and Willis Whirledge, both of Goshen; two sisters, Dorothy E. Bigler of Goshen and Violet R. Mehl of Shipshewana; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fish Lake. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Timothy Boyce

FORT WAYNE — Timothy J. Boyce, 62, died Thurs., Jan. 2, 2003, at Dupont Hospital.

Mr. Boyce was a Fort Wayne native and the president and owner of Review Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Judith M. Boyce; a son, Timothy J. Boyce Jr. of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Jane M. Boyce of Chicago, Laura A. Angelus of Chevy Chase, Md., and Julie L. Boyce of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jerry Boyce of Fort Wayne and Jim Boyce of Avilla; a sister, Eileen Heminger of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at St. Peter Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Calling is a half hour before services at the church and today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with a vigil service at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Vincent House.

Robert Dame

SILVER LAKE, Ohio — Robert Lee Dame, 77, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at 11:25 p.m. at his home.

Before retirement, Mr. Dame worked at Saint-Gobain Corp. He was a 41-year resident of the Silver Lake area and served in the military during World War II. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

He was born in Garrett to Charles and Catherine (Pausel) Dame.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Theresa "Pat" (Miller) Dame; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Laura Dame of Stow, Ohio; three grandchildren, Jackie, Nick and Jackson; two brothers, Donald Dame of Garrett and Richard Dame of California; and 19 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne with additional services at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Church. Father Mike Ausperk will officiate.

Calling is today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Redmon Funeral Home, with a rosary service at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service, 3358 Ridgewood Road, Akron, OH 44333.

Clinton Varner

FORT WAYNE — Clinton K. Varner, 60, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Varner was a Fort Wayne native. He had worked at Zoller Corp. for 37 years and was a member of Zollner's Quarter Century Club and Faith United Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon M. Varner; a daughter, Michelle L. Stillwell of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Joyce Brames of Pleasant Lake and Sharon Radu of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin M. Varner, and a sister.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Church of Christ and the Wayne Roesener Scholarship Fund at Concordia Lutheran High School.

Nancy Hampton

LIGONIER — Nancy A. Hampton, 64, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at 12:45 a.m. at Avalon Village in Ligonier, where she had lived for three years.

A former resident of Goshen, she was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 18, 1938, in Goshen to Lester and Mary (Poff) Cook. She graduated from Goshen High School.

Surviving are a daughter, Robyn Rarick of Ligonier and a sister, Val Kehr of Plainsfield.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Aline Holbrook.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Oakridge Cemetery in Goshen, following a funeral procession that will leave from the Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. John Blosser will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Donald Duesler

AUBURN — Donald Duesler, 80, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at 2:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Duesler had worked as a farmer in Grant Township, a truck driver, a school bus driver and a limousine driver in Las Vegas before retirement. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Dec. 30, 1922, in Waterloo to Ralph and Clesta (Lahnum) Duesler.

He married Ethel Polite in Auburn on Nov. 27, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Deb Duesler of Las Vegas; a sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Richard Dove of Auburn; three grandchildren, Kimberly Sue Seiss of Auburn and Christopher Thomas Duesler and Lindsay Ann Duesler, both of Las Vegas; and two great-grandchildren, Tyson Seiss and Taylor Seiss, both of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Wayne Duesler, and a daughter, Vicki Baker.

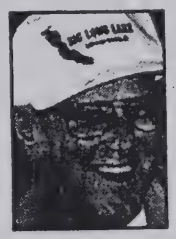
There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

George Shomo

HUDSON — George M. Shomo, 83, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at 7:57 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Shomo

Before retiring in 1966, Mr. Shomo worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a resident of Hudson and a life member of the National Rifle Association and the Kendallville post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was known as a great father and a generous man.

He was born Sept. 11, 1919, in South Fork, Pa. to Joseph and Martha (Plummer) Shomo.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Ellen Marks of Wolcottville and Judy Kaye Shomo of Indianapolis; a son, Joseph G. Shomo of Wolcottville; two brothers, Charles Shomo of Fort Wayne and Joe Shomo of Florida; eight grandchildren, Amy Hasselman, Dawn Parker, Steve Bade, Rick Bade, Mike Neuenschwander, Angela Neuenschwander, Kristina Shomo and Claire Shomo; and two great-grandchildren, Lane Hasselman and Cole Bade.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Shomo; a brother, Ted Shomo; and two sisters, Edith Herdman and Betty Camella.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 109 E. Central, LaGrange.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Margaret Hoodelmier

AUBURN — Margaret G. "Peg" Hoodelmier, 95, died today, Jan. 6, 2003, at 5:05 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

She served as a secretary for her family business, Hoodelmier Coal, retiring in 1977. She was affiliated with the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

She was born Oct. 4, 1907, in Fort Wayne to John and Margaret (Henderson) O'Neil.

Her husband, Lloyd L. Hoodelmier, died in 1994.

Surviving are three daughters, Janet Heffley of Fort Wayne, Dian Cartwright of Pfafftown, N.C., and Linda Brandon of Marion; a brother, Tom O'Neil of Dearborn, Mich.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joe O'Neil, and a sister, Bernadette Richey.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Herman Craven

EDON, Ohio — Herman Craven, 91, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, in Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola, after an extended illness.

Mr. Craven was a self-employed plumber for many years. He also had been employed at K&L Wood Products in Hamilton and Miller Concrete in Edon.

He was born March 31, 1911, in Wagoner, N.C., to Charlie and Lessie (Cockerham) Craven.

He married Kathryn Wilder on Dec. 23, 1936, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Leon Smith of Edon; a son, Dean Craven of Edon; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters and one grandson, Mark Smith, in 1991.

Graveside services will be conducted by the family at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Columbia Cemetery near Columbia, Ohio. There will be no calling.

Krill Funeral Service in Edon is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Columbia Church of Christ.

Donald Duesler

AUBURN — Donald Duesler, 80, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at 2:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Duesler had worked as a farmer in Grant Township, a truck driver, a school bus driver and a limousine driver in Las Vegas before retirement. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

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He married Ethel Polite in Auburn on Nov. 27, 1947. She survives.

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He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Wayne Duesler, and a daughter, Vicki Baker.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Skyler Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Skyler David Scott Miller died shortly after birth on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born to Tyler David Campbell and Erica Dawn Miller.

Surviving with his parents are maternal grandparents Scott and Tamara Miller; paternal grandparents Michael and Jennifer Snyder, and Sam and Carol Campbell, all of Kendallville; maternal great-grandparents, Worley and Alma Gibson of Kendallville, and Paul and Joan Miller of Hudson; paternal great-grandparents Laura Phillips of Auburn, and Cleo "Bud" Campbell and Helen Snyder, both of Kendallville; three uncles, Jeremy Campbell and Michael and David Taulbee; five stepuncles; and one stepsister.

Preceding him in death were great-grandparents James Phillips, Maxine Campbell and Kenneth Snyder.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the True Church of God in Jesus name in Lisbon. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is two hours before services at the church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Glenna Tucker

FORT WAYNE — Glenna Faye Tucker, 93, died Sunday at Ossian Health Care Center.

A Wells County native, she was a clerk at Platt Pharmacy for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilburt Putt, and a son, Robert Glen Putt.

Surviving are four grandchildren, Robert Putt of Garrett, Kathy and Will Putt of Fort Wayne and Larry Putt of Buchanan, Mich., and her care-giver and daughter-in-law, Bonnie Putt of Fort Wayne.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road, with calling two hours before the service. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

David Horman

HUDSON — David L. Horman, 48, Hudson, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, in LaGrange.

Mr. Horman was born June 6, 1954, in Angola, to Henry and Anne (Pristas) Horman Jr. He was a construction worker.

He was a member of St. Padua Catholic Church, Angola. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping and hiking.

Surviving are a brother, Donald Horman of Pleasant Lake and a sister, Judith Garrett of Blairsville, Ga.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Barbara Conner, on Jan. 2, 2003, and Cathy Stuller in 1982.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the family in care of Don Horman.

Mabel Coolman

EDON, Ohio — Mabel A. Coolman, 91, of Edon, Ohio, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at her residence.

Mrs. Coolman was a homemaker and an active member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints in Coldwater, Mich. She was a graduate of Fremont High School.

She was born Oct. 20, 1911, in Steuben County to Edward H. and Vina (Teeters) McMurray.

She married Kermit H. Coolman, who preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1992.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Leon and Linda Coolman of Jackson, Mich. and John Coolman of Quincy, Mich.; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean and Wilford McMurray.

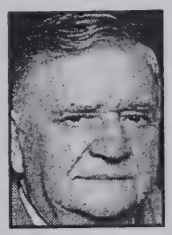
Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Brian Hice officiating. Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Fred Sleeper

KENDALLVILLE — Fred J. Sleeper, 90, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at 10:30 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital after a six-month illness.



Mr. Sleeper

Mr. Sleeper worked for McCray Refrigeration for 25 years, retiring in 1978. He also worked at Flint & Walling for four years and later worked as a greeter at Wal-Mart for 10 years. He was a member of the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Dec. 1, 1912, in Elkhart to William and Irma (Hammond) Sleeper.

He married Josephine L. Likes on Dec. 8, 1930, in Elkhart. She died Dec. 26, 1992.

Also preceding him in death were six brothers and one sister.

Surviving are a son, Robert Sleeper of Waterloo; three daughters and one son-in-law, Berdena Smith of Kernersville, N.C., Carolyn Mapes of Kendallville and Charolette and Tom Hart of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Carl Sleeper of Elkhart; and one sister, Georgia Newell of Cassopolis, Mich.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Kendallville Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, and Kevin Sneed, pastor of Kendallville Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Almeda Brooks

ASHLEY — Almeda M. "Mickey" Brooks, 85, of Ashley, died early today, Jan. 7, 2003, at St. Luke's Hospital in Fort Thomas, Ky.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Almeda Brooks

ASHLEY — Almeda M. "Mickey" Brooks, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at 5:15 a.m., at St. Luke Hospital East, Fort Thomas, Ky.

She moved from Ashley to Highland Heights, Ky., in 1999.

She was born July 24, 1917, in Fort Thomas, Ky., to William H. and Lillian (Smoot) McCormick.

She married Nyal A. Brooks in Newport, Ky., on Dec. 25, 1948. He died Jan. 24, 1999.

A brother, William "Red" McCormick died Feb. 12, 2001.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon, at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. A graveside service will follow at Pleasant Lake Cemetery. The Rev. George B. Foulk will officiate.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Richard Yoder

AUBURN — Richard J. "Dick" Yoder, 84, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at 9:30 p.m. at his home in Auburn.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred (Slane) Yoder.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Robert Gilbert

GARRETT — Robert E. Gilbert, 80, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at 1 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gilbert was employed at Kendallville Foundry, retiring in 1984. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and attended Life Ministries Church in Garrett.

He was born March 5, 1922, in Rockford, Ohio.

He married Wilma Hathaway in 1946. She died Nov. 28, 1998.

He married Betty Denman on June 27, 1999, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kenneth Basse of Fort Wayne, Dwight Gilbert of Garrett and Tim Gilbert Sr. of Kendallville; five daughters, Cheryl LeFevre of Angola, Carleen Lepard of Kendallville, Tevera Davis of Creemore, N.C., Deb Gilbert of Garrett and Wanda Gilbert of Auburn; a brother, Harry Gilbert of Garrett; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Danny Maxwell, and a sister, Bea.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

David Stewart

ATHENS, Ga. — David Leigh Stewart, 69, died Dec. 31, 2002, at his home in Athens, Ga.

Mr. Stewart served as a plant controller for Dana Corp. in Athens, Ga., and Crossville, Tenn., retiring in 1997.

He graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born May 1, 1933, in Paulding, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann (Ball) Stewart, in Athens, Ga.; a son, David Stewart of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Sheryl Tuggle of Athens, Ga.; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Pastor Lloyd Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Services also were held Jan. 3 in Athens, Ga.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Richard Yoder

AUBURN — Richard J. "Dick" Yoder, 84, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at 9:30 p.m. at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Yoder served as a sales representative for the County Line Cheese Co. for 37 years, retiring in 1983. He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and the Auburn Lions Club.

He was born Nov. 23, 1918, in Cedar Creek Township of Allen County to Levi and Alma Yoder.

He married Mildred Slane on May 10, 1941, in Ossian. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela Sue Yoder of Fort Wayne, Jean Ann and Terry Howiler of Garrett and Patricia Lou and Carl Hixson of Garrett; a sister, Frances Frick of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Jean Yoder of Auburn; four grandchildren, Heather Howiler, Heidi Brown, Holly Creager and Troy Hixson; two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Tyler Barrientes; and one stepgreat-granddaughter, Caeli Hixson.

A brother, Donald Yoder, and a sister, Betty Stebing, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Bill Haworth, pastor of Auburn Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneral.com

John Church

KENDALLVILLE — John Alvin Church, 50, died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Church had moved to Kendallville from Angola about 10 years ago and worked in a factory.

He was born in Ashland, Ky., on Oct. 20, 1952, to Bliss and Margaret (York) Church.

Surviving are eight sisters, Yvonne Payne of Kendallville, Bethel Dickens of Flatwood, Ky., Carrie Opal Ford of Ironton, Ohio, Alva Jean Frazer of Florida, Bernadine Church of Butler, Thelma Kay Church of Florida, Gail Boulware of Columbia City, and Veva Ann Edwards of Buffalo, Mo.; five brothers, Darrell Church of Angola, Danny Paul Church of Albion, Randy Church of West Unity, Ohio, Earnie David Church of Fremont, and Arlie Kevin Church of Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Bliss Alfred Church, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery Chapel, with the Rev. Homer Miller and the Rev. Forrest Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 1:30 to 2 p.m. at the chapel.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ford Walter

HAMILTON — Ford F. Walter died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Charles Furnish

SPENCERVILLE — Charles Furnish died Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, 2003, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Leoral Hart

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Leoral M. Hart, 92, of Hicksville, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Hart retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne on Dec. 31, 1972, after 25 years of service. He was a member of GALA and a past member of the Hicksville Eagles. He was a 1928 graduate of Spencerville High School.

He was born July 24, 1910, in St. Joe to Jesse and Della (Mann) Hart.

He married Letha I. Bailey in 1942 and she died in 1983. On Dec. 31, 1955, he married Wanda Belcher. In July 1982 he married Lucille M. Bice, who died Sept. 7, 1990.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Karan and William Knapp of Pleasant Lake and Ruth Hartgrove of Hicksville; four sons and one daughter-in-law, Leon and Peggy Hart of Bryan, Ohio, Anthony Hart of Hicksville, Rex Hart of Monroeville and Leoral Hart Jr., of Hicksville; two brothers, James Hart of Butler and Walter Hart of Hicksville; three sisters, Lucille Monosmith, Leota Keppeher and Margaret Keppeher, all of Edgerton, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Anna Belle Hart; two brothers, Henry and Jesse Hart; and a granddaughter, Peggy Hart.

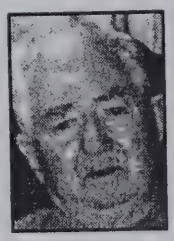
Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with Pastor Ken Wellman officiating.

Calling is today after 3 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m at the funeral home. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Memorials are to Hicksville GALA.

Alva Bonar

AUBURN — Alva W. Bonar, 77, of rural Auburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at noon in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.


Mr. Bonar

Mr. Bonar had worked as a machinist at Dana Corp. for 39 years, retiring in 1989. He served in the U.S. Army until his discharge in 1946. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 and American Legion Post 82.

He was born April 15, 1925, in Ohio to Lawrence A. and Gladys E. (Angus) Bonar.

Surviving are his wife, Grace E. (Norris) Bonar; four sons, Terry Bonar of Fort Wayne and Allen Bonar, Ray Dean Bonar and Dustin Bonar, all of Auburn; eight daughters, Violet Klackner of Greenville, Ohio, Denise Love of Huntertown, Darlene Webster and Carola Petty, both of Fort Wayne, Linda Kinley of Kendallville, Sue Miller of New Haven, Freida Parker of Columbia City and Heather Bonar of Auburn; a brother, Fritz Groh of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Hastings, Mich., with a military graveside service.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Ford Walter

AUBURN — Ford F. Walter, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at 3:07 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Walter

Mr. Walter served as secretary-treasurer and manager of the DeKalb County Co-op Credit Union for 43 years, retiring in 1990. He also served as the office manager and accountant for the DeKalb County Co-op during those years.

He also served on the board of directors of the DeKalb County Co-op Credit Union until 1990. From 1990 until his death, he was a director emeritus of the DeKalb Financial Credit Union.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn, where he was an elder and Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years and had served as chairman of the board.

He was a member and former secretary of the DeKalb County Fair Board and was a member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. He served on the Auburn City School Board for eight years.

Mr. Walter belonged to the National Accountants Society and was a past president of the organization.

He worked as a real estate broker for Kruse Real Estate in Auburn for several years.

He attended Ball State University, Purdue University and Indiana University for continuing education courses.

Mr. Walter was born Dec. 16, 1915, in Stafford Township of DeKalb County to Grover C. and Edna (Farmer) Walter.

He married Lola Koeppe on Sept. 18, 1937, in the St. Joe Church of Christ. She died Jan. 26, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Anna Mae Carper of Hamilton; two brothers, Howard E. Walter of Auburn and Frank E. Walter of Hamilton; two sisters, Helen Wunderlin and Ruth W. Smith, both of Auburn; a granddaughter and her husband, Beth and Don Weeks of LaVerne, Calif.; and a great-grandson, Ethan Weeks.

A brother, Marion Walter, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Auburn. The Rev. Robert Craig and the Rev. David Payne will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.com.

Charles Furnish

SPENCERVILLE — Charles A. Furnish, 97, died Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, 2003, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Mr. Furnish was retired as an assembly worker at International Harvester. He also had worked at the Auburn Automobile Co. factory in Auburn. He was a member of the Grabill Mennonite Church.

He was born Nov. 26, 1905, in Spencerville to James Arthur Furnish and Metta (Rhoads) Furnish.

He married Clarissa Rediger on Feb. 23, 1952, in southern Indiana. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews.

Two brothers preceded him in death: Harold "Babe" Furnish on June 21, 1995, and Merl Dean Furnish of May 19, 2002.

Services will be Saturday 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Pastor Jack Teeple and Pastor Don Roth will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery of Spencerville.

Calling is Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grabill Mennonite Church, P.O. Box 160, Grabill IN 46741.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Robert Close

CHARLEVOIX, Mich. — Robert H. Close, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at Boulder Park Terrace, Charlevoix, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

His career as a businessman began in Auburn where he developed the "flex spout" for Rieke Metal Products. After a period as vice president of GAY Toys, he went on to form his own company, Mayfair Plastics, with offices in Birmingham, Mich., and later production facilities in Gaylord, Mich. Mayfair was one of the pioneers in injection molding and made high-tolerance automobile parts, canoe paddles, lightweight shovels, gear-shift shafts for Army Jeeps and the Mustang hood ornament for Ford, among many other products. He was particularly proud of his work for Bear Archery.

He was born June 29, 1914, in Marion and graduated from Auburn High School. He took correspondence courses for college credit, but never received a college degree.

He married Alice Willennar in 1933 and they had four children.

After World War II he formed an aerial photography company with Bill Fitzsimmons, a pioneer in local aviation. While Fitzsimmons piloted their single-engine plane, Mr. Close climbed on the wing and photographed businesses, farms and homes while Fitzsimmons held onto his belt. Mr. Close developed and printed the pictures in his basement darkroom.

Mr. Close was a director of Auburn State Bank, a member of the Auburn School Board, and a member of the Auburn Country Club, Forest Lake Country Club, Crystal Downs Country Club and Petoskey-Bay View Country Club.

In the 1950s, he was an avid trap shooter, traveling to weekend meets throughout the Midwest. He also enjoyed several fly-in trips into the Ontario wilds for hunting and fishing.

In 1973 he married Edith Olach and she survives. They spent their retirement years at a cottage on Platt Lake and in their Charlevoix home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Marcia Korwin of Onekama, Mich., Beverly Forslund of Honor, Mich., and Sanibel. Fla., and Margaret Dye of Empire, Mich.; a son, William of Rochester Hills, Mich.; a sister, Francis Armstrong of Columbus, Ind.; a brother, LeRoy Close of New Port Richey, Fla.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorials are to Boulder Park Terrace or the St. Mary's Church building fund.

Winchester Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vera Chittenden

BUTLER — Vera L. Chittenden, 75, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at 4:10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Chittenden

She was a homemaker and had lived in Butler for two years. She attended Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Corunna and was a member of VFW Post 1892 Auxiliary in Garrett.

She was born June 25, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Henry Kohlepp and Nondas Mills.

Surviving are her ex-husband, Donald Chittenden of Auburn; a stepson, Brian Chittenden of Hicksville, Ohio; a stepgrandchild, Kevin Chittenden of Toledo, Ohio; and three nieces and three nephews, all of Minneapolis, Minn.

Three sisters, Evelyn Bebil, Beverly Nelson and Kathy Schantzen, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Rev. Don Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

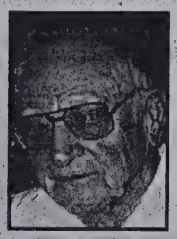
Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Charles Buse

ANGOLA — Charles W. Buse, 87, of Angola, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at his home.

He was an Indiana State Police trooper from 1942-1962, and a detective with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department from 1969-1979. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1942-1946, and was a member of the Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post No. 31 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, all in Angola, and the Peacetime Corrigedor Soldiers.



Mr. Buse

He was born Jan. 1, 1916, in Akron to Frank A. and Amanda (Kroft) Buse. On Dec. 26, 1939, at Saint Peter-Saint Paul Catholic Church in Huntington, he married Helen Hohe, and his wife of 63 years survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Dennis Croy of Angola; a sister, Juanita Wright of Angola; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 1-6 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home in Angola, with a prayer service at 5:45 p.m.

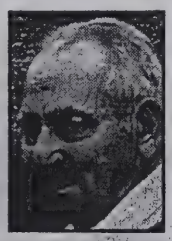
Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to the Breeden YMCA in Angola.

Wayne Akey

FORT WAYNE — Wayne Akey, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003.

Mr. Akey worked for Beatrice Foods for more than 50 years, retiring in 1977.

He was born April 8, 1913, in Huntertown to Leavitt L. and Edith C. (Lochner) Akey.



Mr. Akey

His wife, Marjorie, preceded him in death.

Surviving are five sons, Frank of West Lafayette, Mark, Bart and Scott, all of Fort Wayne, and Wayne Jr. of Scott Depot, W.Va.; a daughter, Patricia Paschen of Ogden Dunes; three brothers, Wilbur "Pete" Akey of St. Joe, Glenn Akey of Spencerville and Kenny Akey of South Carolina; two sisters, Virginia Churchward and Ilo Cadorette, both of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Miller; two brothers, Walter and Marion; and a sister, Georgia Akey.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells Street, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Justin Fisher will officiate. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Olive Snyder

ANGOLA — Olive L. Snyder, 93, of Angola, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Snyder was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville, Ohio. She was an organist for the United Brethren Church in Hicksville and the Church of Christ in Ashley. She was the organist for the Order of the Eastern Star for 55 years and also had been the organist for the Miss Ohio Pageant.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a past worthy matron of the Auburn Order.

She was born Jan. 6, 1909, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Clarence and Nora (Ayers) Killian.

She married Carl Smith in 1925 and he preceded her in death. She then married Paul Snyder in 1972. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Francis Smith Chomer of Elkhart and Lois Smith Fetzer of Hamilton; two sisters, Marie Clark of Garrett and Bernice Sechler of St. Joe; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Killian, a sister, Arlene Hurni, a daughter, Mary Jane Smith Richards, a grandson and one great-great-great grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday at First Church of Christ in Hicksville, with Pastor Ken Wellman officiating. Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville was in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Allen County.

The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional information.

Vera Chittenden

BUTLER — Vera L. Chittenden, 75, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at 4:10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Butler for two years. She attended Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Corunna and was a member of VFW Post 1892 Auxiliary in Garrett.

She was born June 25, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Nondas (Mills) Kohlepp.

Surviving are her ex-husband, Donald Chittenden of Auburn; a stepson and his wife, Brian and Tery Chittenden of Hicksville, Ohio; two stepgrandchildren, Kevin Chittenden of Toledo, Ohio, and Kate Chittenden of Hicksville, Ohio; and three nieces and three nephews, all of Minneapolis, Minn.

Three sisters, Evelyn Bebil, Beverly Nelson and Kathy Schantzen, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Don Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Velma Sawvel

HAMILTON — Velma Elaine Sawvel, 67, of Hamilton, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born June 14, 1953, to Robert Franklin and Mary Veronica Woodward Beard.

She married Maynard Sawvel on Sept. 5, 1959. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sawvel was a homemaker and a member of the Zion United Methodist Church, Butler.

She is survived by two sons, Lyle of Hamilton and Bryan of Kent, Wash.; and two grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a granddaughter, Michelle Louise, in 1994, and a brother, Jesse Beard.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. Kathie Hostetter officiating. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Butler Zion United Methodist Church.

Tom Merritt

HOWE — Tom S. Merritt, 67, of Howe, a longtime official and superintendent at Howe Military School, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, in an automobile accident near Howe.

He graduated from Howe Military School in 1953 and attended Purdue University, graduating in 1957. Following military service, he worked for GTE in Terre Haute and Fort Wayne, retiring as a division manager after 38 years. He also retired as superintendent of Howe Military School in 1997, and served on its board of trustees for 37 years. He was historian of the Howe Family Mansion. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 215, Meridian Sun Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Rotary Club, all in LaGrange, and had served as chairman of the United Way. He also belonged to the Summit Club.

Mr. Merritt

He was born Feb. 7, 1935, in Sturgis, Mich., to James and Marian Anna (Davidson) Merritt. On Sept. 5, 1959, he married Barbara H. Keck, and she preceded him in death in 1961. He married Barbara H. Gibson Mesker on April 20, 1963, and she survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jenifer and James Fairfield of Fort Wayne and Denise Pastore of Terre Haute; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Miles Perkins of Stroh; and two granddaughters.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Saint James Chapel in Howe, with Bishop Edward Stuart Little II officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, and one hour prior to the church service on Monday.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

John Sherwin

PEMBERVILLE, Ohio — John Keith Sherwin, 79, formerly of Hamilton and Toledo, Ohio, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at St. Charles Hospital.

Mr. Sherwin retired in 1985 from Chrysler Corp. Toledo Machining Plant in Perrysburg, Ohio, as a tool and die maker. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

At the age of 73, on April 6, 1996, Mr. Sherwin went through R.I.C.A., where he was baptized and confirmed as a Catholic at St. Michael Church in Waterloo.

Some of his favorite hobbies included cooking, shopping, fishing, golfing and bird watching.

He was born on March 3, 1923, to John and Bessie (Witzman) Sherwin in Toledo. Both preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Dorothy (Nowakowski) Sherwin; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John C. and Donna Sherwin, and Mark Sherwin; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Maureen and Bob Garcia and Vicki and Bill Kreinbihl; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lucille Parker.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Charles Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Pemberville.

Calling is Monday from 2-9 p.m. at W.K. Sujkowski & Son Funeral Home, Toledo. Wake services will be held at 5 p.m.

Cody Crigger

ST. JOE — Cody Ray Crigger, infant, was stillborn Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Darren R. and Lori (Herron) Crigger of St. Joe; his maternal grandmother, Sharon Herron of Churubusco; his paternal grandparents, Don and Betty Crigger of Defiance, Ohio; and his maternal great-grandmother, Virginia McBride of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Gene Herron.

Private family services will be held Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Catherine Mason

ANGOLA — Catherine A. Mason, 82, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Mason, a homemaker, attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola. She was a member and past president of Psi Iota Xi, Rho Chapter, and was a member of Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society of Fort Wayne and the Indiana State Medical Auxiliary. She also was one of the founders of the Bargain Corner of Angola, and was an avid Bridge player.

She was born in Chicago to Leo and Naomi (Jeserich) Ryan.

She married Dr. Donald G. Mason on June 16, 1944, in Ann Arbor, Mich., and he survives in Angola.

Also surviving are four sons, Donald Mason Jr. of Angola, Gregory R. Mason of Manhattan Beach, Calif., Lee F. Mason of Pleasant Lake and Brian Mason of Woodstock, Ill.; a daughter, Andrea Dieterly of Crestline, Ohio; a brother, Leo Ryan Jr. of Franklin, N.C.; a sister, Naomi Binder of Middleburg, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Richard Ryan.

No services or calling will be held.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation, specifying either the RISE Endowment Fund or the Cameron Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Mildred Fike

AUBURN — Mildred A. Fike, 82, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Fike, a lifetime DeKalb County resident, worked for a number of years at the Avilla Hardware, Wyatt Hardware, Wee Haven Workshop and as an Avon representative, where she was a member of the President's Club.

She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in Corunna, Model Home Extension, DeKalb County Extension Homemakers and the Wee Haven Association.

She was born Sept. 27, 1920, in Fort Wayne to John and Theresa Millhouse. Both preceded her in death.

She married Clifford E. Fike on Feb. 4, 1939, in Garrett. He died in 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Roxanne Fike of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carole and Dale Coddington of Osceola; a sister, Dorothea Baysinger of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John and William Millhouse, and four sisters, Ethel Rice, Corrine Fike, Eileen Mankin and Marie Emerick.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Brethren in Christ, with Pastor Jerel Book officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett.

In leiu of flowers, memorials are to Wee Haven Workshop or DeKalb County Extension Homemakers.

John Shetler

GOSHEN — John H. Shetler, 77, of Goshen, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, at 12:08 p.m. at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen.

He had been in failing health for the past five weeks and was admitted to Greencroft on Jan. 3.

Mr. Shetler retired in 1997 after 25 years with Jayco, where he did repair work on recreational vehicles. He was a member of Mount Joy Mennonite Church.

He was born Oct. 27, 1925, in Kalona, Iowa, to Jesse and Anna (Hershberger) Shetler.

He married Mildred F. Schrock on April 6, 1952, in Goshen. She died Dec. 5, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara and Richard Myers of Huntertown, Nedra Shetler of Goshen and Letha and Jay Hershberger of Goshen; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ellis and Joan Shetler, Leon and Sue Shetler and Willard and Jennifer Shetler, all of Goshen; 12 grandchildren; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Alta Yutzy of Hutchinson, Kan., Lena and Vernon Miller of Hutchinson, Mary Jane and Edwin Miller of Kalona, Iowa, Clara Shetler of Kalona, and Ruth Ann Shetler of Kalona; and five brothers, Paul of Greenwood, Del., Harley of Wellman, Iowa, Dennis of Kalona, Iowa, Albert of Rising Fawn, Ga., and Phillip of Irwin, Ohio.

One brother, Ellis Dale Shetler, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Mount Joy Mennonite Church of Goshen. Pastors Ben Shirk, Harley Miller and Mervin Mast will officiate. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery of Goshen.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Goshen Care at Home.

Ralph Spaw

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph L. Spaw, 87, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill.

He was in engineering at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring in 1974. He was a lifelong member of Stroh Church of God, Stroh Lions Club and was union president at International Harvester for seven years.

Mr. Spaw

He moved from Fort Wayne to Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, in 1974. Before moving to Shepherd of the Hill, he had lived at Chandler House for a year.

He was born in Columbia City on Sept. 23, 1915, to Frank L. and Bertha J. (Romy) Spaw.

He married Betsy Viola Miller on July 9, 1935, in Hicksville, Ohio. She died Jan. 23, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Eileen Graham of Fort Wayne and Pat and Mark Wilkinson of Big Long Lake; three sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Marcia Spaw of Big Long Lake, Jerry and Penny Spaw of Avilla and Stephen and Jeanne Spaw of Culver; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Melvin Spaw of Fort Wayne and one sister, Leone Davito of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Alma Gipe, Ada Cramer, Nellie Stute, Barbara VanGunten and Lois Kimmel; and two brothers, Deward and Frank E. Spaw; four stepsisters; and two stepbrothers.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with Pastor Dan Conley of Stroh Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and 30 minutes before services.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of God, P.O. Box 40, Stroh, IN 46789.

Marjorie Oster

GARRETT — Marjorie Oster, 90, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at 7:52 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett, where she had lived since July 2002.

Mrs. Oster lived in Garrett most of her life. She worked as a clerk at Kirkwood's Men and Boys Store in Kendallville for 15 years. She was a member of the Kendallville Lady Elks and enjoyed playing golf.

She was born in DeKalb County on April 3, 1912, to Frank W. and Laura Bell (Guthrie) McCullough.

She married Karl Raymond Oster on July 20, 1929, in Defiance, Ohio. He died Oct. 17, 2000.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Richard Kutzner of Auburn; one daughter-in-law, Kay Oster of Garrett; six grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Dean Oster, in March 1991, and two brothers.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ in Garrett. The Rev. Dennis Kutzner, Mrs. Oster's grandson, and the Rev. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the Garrett First Church of Christ.

Edwin Gephart

FORT WAYNE — Edwin Eugene Gephart, 65, formerly of Fort Wayne, died at his home in Troy, Ohio, on Monday, Jan. 13, 2003.

He had worked at Navistar International since 1965. He was born in Huntington.

Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline M.; three sons, Michael D. Gephart of Auburn, David E. Gephart of Sturgis, Mich., and Jack E. Gephart of LaGrange; a brother, George V. Gephart of Dayton; two sisters, Marybelle Barnes and Carolyn Knop, both of Huntington; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Baird Funeral Home, Troy, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

Dorothy Capen

AUBURN — Dorothy L. Capen, 89, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at 2:05 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Capen was a homemaker in Auburn. She formerly worked at Auburn Automobile Co. and was a secretary for Messenger Corp.

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of Eastern Star in Auburn and a former president of the DeKalb County Needlework Guild.

She was born Sept. 19, 1913, in Ashley to Adam C. and Bernice (Nicolai) Tomer.

She married George Capen on Nov. 12, 1942, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are three nieces, Judy Lantz and Jean Vose, both of Auburn, and Jill Oswalt of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and two nephews, Robert Capen of Pennsylvania and John Capen of Yorba Linda, Calif.

She was preceded in death by one niece, Nancy Capen, and one nephew, Jim Capen.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneral.com.

Paul Johnston

BEDFORD — Paul Johnston, 87, of Bedford, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, in the Core Nursing Home.

Mr. Johnston had worked for General Telephone in Fort Wayne as a test man and dispatcher for 31 years, retiring in 1973. He was a graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, a 54-year honor member of Masonic Lodge 614 at Ashley and a 62-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He was born July 7, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Glenn W. and Margaret (Hilderbrand) Johnston.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Frye of Bloomington; a son, Kenneth Johnston of Syracuse; 10 grandchildren, Rick Jackson of Rome City, Vickie Jackson of Churubusco, John M. Frye of Bloomington, Kenneth P. Johnston of Westville, Cheryl L. Elkins, Corinne F. Tracy, Kimberly R. Johnston and Michelle Coates, all of Syracuse, Michael D. Johnson of Fort Wayne and Annette Haney of Ossian; 28 great-grandchildren; one sister, Billie Turner of Chicago; three nephews, Robert C. Johnston of Washington state, Terry Johnston of Newburgh and Keith Johnston of East Peoria, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine (Covert) Johnston; one infant son; one grandson; two brothers, Wayne Johnston and Gene Johnston; and two sisters, Jeanette Johnston and Dorothy Johnston.

The body will be cremated, with burial at a later date in Greenlawn Cemetery at Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Deremiah-Friday Mortuary Greene & Harrell Chapel of Bloomington and Elzey Patterson Roadak Funeral Home of Fort Wayne are charge of arrangements.

Helen Baughman

BUTLER — Helen L. Baughman, 92, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at 8:05 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Baughman was a homemaker and a member of the Bar None Saddle Club.

She was born June 30, 1910, in Butler to Fred and Malissa (Worthington) Eck.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy K. Pinney of Ashley; a brother, Frank Eck of Hicksville, Ohio; a sister, Mable Peters of Auburn; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl W. Baughman; four brothers, Delbert Eck, Marion James Eck, Charles Leroy "Roy" Eck and Kenny Eck; three sisters, Wava Nickles, Myrtle Bellman and Vada Swain; and a grandson, Vernard Pinney.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan, with Pastor Doug H. Davies officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family.

Cora Billings

AUBURN — Cora May Billings, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home. Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home.

C. May Billings

AUBURN — C. May Billings, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Billings was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn and the Center Street Flower Club. She volunteered at the Curiosity Shop in Auburn. She enjoyed reading, playing cards and playing with her grandchildren.

She was born Oct. 28, 1910, in Aurora, Neb.

She married Verle E. Billings on Jan. 18, 1930, in Aurora. He died Aug. 24, 1980.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joanne and Roger Wertenberger of Auburn; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Dale and Eva Billings of Brazoria, Texas, and Darrel and Joyce Billings of Greenfield; two sisters, Doris Samples of Aurora and Ruth Riddle of Omaha, Neb.; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer and Clarence Meese, and a sister, Margaret Dilley.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

Jeremiah Morgan

PORTLAND, Ind. — Jeremiah James Morgan, 18, died early Thursday morning, Jan. 16, 2002, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

He received is general education diploma from Jay County High School in Portland in 2002.

He was born March 20, 1984, in Portland. His father, Lige D. Morgan, survives in Portland. His mother, Teresa D. (Glentzer) Morgan, survives in Auburn.

He married Marcie L. Sampley on Dec. 17, 2002. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brandon L. Sampley, in Portland; four brothers, Brenton, Christopher and Shannon Morgan, all in Portland, and Robert Morgan of Monterey, Tenn.; two sisters, Stacy Morgan of Monterey, Tenn., and Jennifer Morgan of Auburn; a grandmother, Peggy Thompson of Portland; several aunts, uncles and cousins and two nieces.

Services will be today at 4 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland. Pastor Phill Jellison will officiate. Cremation will follow at a later date, with burial of the ashes in the Limberlost Cemetery, east of Bryant.

Friends may call today from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Walter Fry

BUTLER — Walter D. Fry, 63, died at 5:35 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, shortly after admittance to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Fry was employed at Universal Tool in Butler for 34 years prior to his retirement. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard based in Angola and was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202. He also was a member of Butler Eagles Aerie 2733.

He was born June 12, 1939, in DeKalb County to James Leo and Bertha Mae (Garland) Fry. He married Nancy M. Ordway on Oct. 22, 1966, in Edgerton, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Lisa Fry of St. Louis, Candace Simmons of Arizona and Angela Clark of California; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dale Eugene Clark of California, Bradley D. and Deborah Fry of Fremont and Duane A. and Traci Fry of Butler; one brother, Robert Fry of Butler; six sisters, Dorothy Jones, Ann Morris and Berdina Jones, all of Bryan, Ohio, Janet Collingsworth and Margaret Miller, bother of Butler, and Donna Landel of Edgerton; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Darrol Haggen officiating. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Services will be conducted by the Butler Eagles at 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by the Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler.

Condolences may be sent to Fryfamily@KrillFuneralService.com.

Harriet Longardner

AUBURN — Harriet Longardner, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at 5:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Longardner worked at the CASAD Depot in New Haven during World War II. She then worked for Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born June 24, 1913, in Allen County to Owen and Lillie (Wheeler) Brown.

She married Edgar A. Longardner on June 24, 1931, in Allen County. He died March 9, 1973.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris Mann of Auburn; a brother, Charles Brown of Hamilton; a granddaughter, Laurie Klion, and a great-granddaughter, Hannah Klion.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Otis, Sanford and Fred, and two sisters, Leota Wanas and Irene DeBolt.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Todd Steere will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Virginia Romine

AUBURN — Virginia E. Romine, 85, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at 6:25 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Romine retired from Electric Motors & Specialties of Garrett, where she worked for 32 years. She attended Hopewell United Brethren Church and Lakewood Park Baptist Church. She was active at the Heimach Center in Auburn and enjoyed her grandchildren, gardening, church activities and traveling with friends.

Mrs. Romine

She was born Sept. 7, 1917, in Louisa, Ky., to Harvey and Bessie (Moore) Hardin.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, William Carey, who died in 1952, and Glen Romine, who died in 1964.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Culbertson of Auburn; a brother, Dudley Hardin of Louisa, Ky.; a sister, Anne Salyer of Johnstown, Ohio; her stepchildren, including Mike Romine of Auburn and Bill Romine, Lois Sutton, Luella McCullough, Peggy Johnson and Virginia Stout; two grandchildren, Adam Culbertson and Rachel Boles; numerous stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild, Makenna Boles; and numerous stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Tim Culbertson; two brothers, Floyd and Tom; and one sister, Elizabeth Bearss.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Center or Youth For Christ.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Coralee Davis

AUBURN — Coralee "Trixie" (Vanover) Davis, 43, of Auburn, died at 6:37 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had worked at TI Automotive in Ashley and was known and loved for her sense of humor.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1959, in Auburn to Betty Irene (Miller) and Charles Henry Vanover.

Surviving are one son, Bryan and Brandi McKean of Norfolk, Va.; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Charles and Rhonda Vanover of Pleasant Lake, James Vanover of St. Joe, Morris Vanover of Hamilton, and Edward Vanover of Butler; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Debbie and Greg Zerkle of Angola, and Judy Mack of Derry, Pa.

Preceding her in death are her father and her grandmother Beulah Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Alvarado United Methodist Church in Metz. The Rev. Mike Halferty will officiate.

Calling will be at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

Burial will take place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Metz.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Haven Post

STURGIS, MICH. — Haven E. Post, 65, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at her residence.

A former resident of LaGrange County he moved to Sturgis in 1982. He worked for 32 years at Sealed Power/SPX, LaGrange, before retiring. A veteran of the US Army he was also a member of the Orland American Legion Post, Moose Lodge of Sturgis, Mich., and life member of the North American Hunting Club. He was also an avid card player.

He was born Oct. 9, 1937, in Latty, Ohio, to James O. and Velva V. (Franklin) Post.

He married Joan M. (Grogg) Post on March 7, 1973, in Watseka, Ill.

Surviving are his wife; his mother; one son, James F. and Karen Lounsbury of LaGrange; two sisters, Mrs. Valeria and Marvin Gordon of Green Valley, Ariz., and Mrs. Lorraine and David Weber of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Joshua J. and Beth Lounsbury of Sturgis, Mich., and Mrs. Thodd (Tara) Marks of Waterloo; and one great-grandchild, Kole J. Loundsbury of Sturgis, Mich.

Preceding him in death are his father; and one brother, James D. Post.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation hours will be at the funeral home at 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

Memorials are to 1st United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

Roy Nichols

SOUTH MILFORD — Roy Albert Nichols, 81, of South Milford, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

He was born March 8, 1921, in South Milford to Florence G. (Helmer) and Earl W. Nichols.

Nichols

He married Beatrice Ellen (Bahls) Nichols on June 22, 1947, at Zion Lutheran Church, near Corunna.

He was a lifetime farmer and worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 19 years before he retired in 1985. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. He was Grand Marshal of the South Milford Days Parade.

His longtime passion was with the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a volunteer, since 1948, of the fire department and one of its original founding members. In June 2000 he was awarded the Governor's Service Award by the State of Indiana for his dedicated service to the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Daniel Strater of South Milford, and Dianne Nichols of South Milford; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Tammi Nichols of South Milford; three grandsons, Michael and Ruth Strater of South Milford, Timothy and Jeni Strater of South Milford, and James Nichols of South Milford; two granddaughters, Lori Strater of Kendallville, and Shannon Nichols of South Milford; three great-grandchildren, Morina and Brandon Strater and Kyle Lepper.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating and Vicar Daniel Skillman assisting.

Visitation will be at 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and also on Tuesday at the church one hour prior to the funeral service.

Burial will be at Zion Lutheran West Fairfield Cemetery.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund or to the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department.

Send condolences or sign the guest register book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Audrey Jay

GARRETT — Audrey Jay, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at 11:26 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jay worked as a secretary for Insurance Trustees in Garrett and in the cafeteria at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett.

A 62-year resident of Garrett, she belonged to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and was a past president of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority in Garrett.

She was born Jan. 13, 1929 in Chicago to James S. and Stella (Swanson) Lazenby.

She married Glenn A. Jay on Feb. 12, 1961, in Avilla. He died Dec. 19, 1995.

Surviving are three daughters, Amy Leeson of Fort Wayne, Susan Whittington of Waterloo and Rebecca Jay of Carnation, Wash.; two sons, Ted Jay of Crabtree, Pa., and David Jay of Sand Point, Idaho; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Brad Hardesty will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Patricia Nodine

GARRETT — Patricia A. Nodine, 69, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at 12:49 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Nodine served as a licensed practical nurse at several hospitals and nursing homes in the area.

She was one of the first female emergency medical technicians in the area.

She was a 52-year resident of Garrett and a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and Indiana Nursing Society.

She was born Feb. 4, 1933, in Portland, Ind., to Orville and Margaret (Haley) Rhodes.

She married Glen G. Nodine on April 15, 1950, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Nodine and Jon Nodine, both of Garrett; a daughter, Cynthia DeWitt of Auburn and Ralana Pontius of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Her parents and a sister, Cynthia Rhodes, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to cerebral palsy.

Robert Holmes

AUBURN — Robert R. Holmes, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at 3 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

A former Auburn resident, he retired from Auburn Foundry in 1983 after 38 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born May 23, 1921, in Fort Wayne to William and Gertrude (Laramore) Holmes.

He married Susan (Daub) Holmes on Oct. 28, 1945. She survives in North Manchester.

Surviving are a son, Larry Holmes of Laketon; a daughter, Linda Sue (Holmes) McCoy of Spacks, Nev.; a sister, Thelma Eakins of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Shawn Marie and Nickie Ann.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Coralee Davis

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She had worked at TI Automotive in Ashley and was known and loved for her sense of humor.

She was born Sept. 21, 1959, in Auburn.

Her father, Charles Henry Vanover, preceded her in death. Her stepfather and mother, William Lee and Betty Irene (Miller) Lee, survive in Butler.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Brandi McKean of Norfolk, Va.; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Charles and Rhonda Vanover of Pleasant Lake, James Vanover of St. Joe, Morris Vanover of Hamilton, and Edward Vanover of Butler; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Debbie and Greg Zerkle of Angola and Judy Mack of Derry, Pa.

Her grandmother, Beulah Smith, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Alvarado United Methodist Church in Metz. The Rev. Mike Halferty will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Metz.

Calling is today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Pearl Bade

FORT WAYNE — Pearl I. Bade, 99, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at 1:45 a.m. in the Lutheran Home of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bade was a homemaker and a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

She was born Sept. 28, 1903, in Garrett for Perry and Emma (Zern) Beard.

Her husband, Ervin O. Bade, died in 1952.

Surviving are a son, Norman E. Bade of New Haven; a daughter, Phyllis M. Biggs of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

Two sisters, Verda Hille and Elva M. Hille, preceded her in death.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Pastor Edward Fehskens will officiate. Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is today from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

The Evening Star, Tuesday, January 21, 2003

George Aldrich

FORT WAYNE — George "Gene" E. Aldrich, 90, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, in Ossian.

Mr. Aldrich was self-employed as a heating and sheet metal contractor. He was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 31, 1912, in Metz to Carlton F. and Jeanette (Packer) Aldrich.

He married Ethel L. Schlatter on Jan. 22, 1946. She died Aug. 27, 1991.

Surviving are a companion, Mae Sherwood of Fort Wayne; two sons, Carlton E. Aldrich of Fort Wayne and DeLos Aldrich of Montana; two stepdaughters, Babbette Hitte of Clearwater, Fla., and Gloria Racht of Niles, Mich.; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; four brothers, Clifford of Rosewell, Ariz., Bruce and Lynn, both of Hamilton, and Wayne of Angola; four sisters, Lois Johnston of Angola, Mina Palmer and Anna Kline, both of Auburn, and Carol Lou Stultz of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Larry, Carlton and Thomas, and four sisters, Betty Jean Bonecutter, Ruth Shearen, Thelma Wappes and Beverly Hathaway.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Dave Adams will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46819.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Beverly Dunn

WATERLOO — Beverly D. Dunn, 76, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at 8 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Dunn worked as a cashier at Citizens State Bank in Waterloo for eight years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 1, 1926, in Waterloo to Justin D. Girardot and Alice Irene (Fee) Girardot.

She married Loren "Skinny" Dunn on Sept. 27, 1944, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kenneth Dunn of Hoschton, Ga.; four daughters, Diana Jo Dannaldson of Las Vegas, Nev., Janet M. Smith of Waterloo, Judith Baker of Danville, Calif., and Julia Meyer of Bowling Green, Ohio; two brothers, Robert Girardot of Destreham, La., and John Girardot of Aurora, Ill.; a sister, Gail McIntosh of Hamilton; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her parents and a brother, Leo Girardot, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church for masses or to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Thursday, January 23, 2003
NO LOCAL DEATHS

Frank Kaduk

VAN WERT, Ohio — Frank J. Kaduk, 86, of Van Wert, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at 5:40 p.m. in Convoy Care Center at Convoy, Ohio.

Mr. Kaduk was retired from Kennedy Manufacturing in Van Wert. He was a life member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Van Wert.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served on the Van Wert Election Board for 28 years and was a current board member and past president and 40-year member of the Van Wert Historical Society. He was a Toastmasters member for 30 years.

He was a past president of Van Wert United Way and the 1978 Jaycee citizen of the year. He received the Scout of the Year award in 1971 and was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1972. He received the Chamber of Commerce Ray Miller Award in 1999.

Mr. Kaduk was born Nov. 14, 1916, in Van Wert County to Andrew and Anna (Hritz) Kaduk.

On Jan. 29, 1938, he married Betty Joe Huston. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy G. Lowe of Van Wert; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Charles L. and Deborah Kaduk of Auburn and Paul D. Kaduk of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Dort Kaduk of Hicksville, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Kaduk of Van Wert; a sister, Anna Dienes of Convoy; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Andrew and Lewis, and two sisters, Betty Germann and Susan Hartman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Van Wert, with the Rev. Lance O'Donnell officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery of Van Wert. Military graveside services will be conducted by Van Wert's American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, 722 S. Washington St., Van Wert, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church elevator fund or Van Wert Area Visiting Nurses/Hospice.

Charles McBride

GARRETT — Charles "Rival" McBride, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at 12:50 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. McBride

Mr. McBride worked as a trainman on the B&O Railroad for 35 years, retiring in 1976. He had lived in Altona for 82 years and was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Oct. 2, 1913, in Huntertown to Charles W. and Pearl (Heffelfinger) McBride.

On June 29, 1936, in Garrett, he married Digna C. Sobasky. She died March 16, 1986.

Surviving are four sons, Rival McBride of Columbia City, John W. McBride of Fremont, Jerald W. McBride of Garrett and Steve L. McBride of Garrett; three brothers, Dean McBride of Waterloo, Harley Ray McBride of Hamilton and Paul McBride of Boston; two sisters, Eileen Harger of Hamilton and Ann Robbins of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Vaughn, Wayne and Neal McBride, and a sister, Nadine Barnhart.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Josephine Carpenter

LIBERTY CENTER, Ohio — Josephine Gae Carpenter, 85, died Thursday morning, Jan. 23, 2003, at the Medical College of Ohio Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Carpenter was a homemaker and worked at Perfection Finishers in Wauseon, Ohio, for 15 years. She was a member of Victory Chapel United Brethren Church in Liberty Center and its Women's Missionary Association.

She was born Oct. 13, 1917, at Liberty Center to Charles and Jenny (Schwanger) Whitmire.

She married Randall Carpenter on June 3, 1936. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Larry Gerhart of Auburn, Janet and Chuck Hill of Liberty Center, Judy and Dennis Loar of Wauseon, Ohio, Joyce and Bill Pacek of Delta, Ohio and Joan and Terry Davis of Liberty Center; five sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Mary Lou Carpenter of Liberty Center, Richard and Roberta Carpenter of Titusville, Fla., Ronald and Carol Carpenter of Perrysburg, Ohio, Roger and Corene Carpenter of Liberty Center and Ray and Carol Carpenter of Liberty Center; a twin sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Cloyd Baldwin of Liberty Center; 29 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Sadie Kessler and Gladys Jacquot; and three brothers, Reuben, Leroy and infant Jay Whitmire.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Victory Chapel United Brethren Church. Pastors Steve Clymer and Chuck Whitmire will officiate. Interment will be at Youngs Cemetery in Liberty Center.

Calling is Sunday from 2-9 p.m. at Wright Funeral Home in Liberty Center.

Memorials are to the Victory Chapel Building Fund.

Rodney Dunn

HUDSON — Rodney G. Dunn, 36, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003.

Mr. Dunn was self-employed and also had worked at Phillips Brick Cleaning. He was a resident of Hudson and a former resident of Waterloo.

He was born Feb. 2, 1966, in Auburn to Max and Rita (Miller) Dunn.

Surviving are his mother, Rita Baird of Auburn; his father and stepmother, Max and Kristian Dunn of Hudson; one sister, Reneé Custer of Garrett; a half-brother, Ryan Baird of Auburn; a stepgrandmother, Margaret Miller of Waterloo; a maternal grandmother, Berneda Miller of San Antonio, Texas; and a paternal grandmother, Betty Dunn of Auburn.

Private family services will be followed by burial in St. Michael Cemetery of Waterloo.

Memorials are to masses at St. Michael Catholic Church or the Northeastern Center.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

John Tumidanski

ORLAND — John W. Tumidanski, 76, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

He was a retired machinist. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, where he became disabled. He attended The Christian Center in South Bend. He enjoyed farming and gardening.

He was born in Detroit May 16, 1926, to Walter and Mary Tumidanski.

He married Thelma H. Holsten June 12, 1971, at Panarama City, Calif. She survives in Orland.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cheryl and Susan Tumidanski in California; two sons, Greg Tumidanski in Washington and Michael Tumidanski of Red Bluff, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Bonnie Murray of Auburn; one stepson, Keith Botton of Paradise, Calif.; 13 granchildren; three sisters, and one brother.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Bruce Botton; and one brother.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling is one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Zelda Fee

BUTLER — Zelda M. Fee, 93, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, at 6:25 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Fee owned the Coffee Cup restaurant in Butler for 10 years.

She was born Dec. 24, 1909, in Williamsport, Ohio, to Samuel and Florence (Benner) Siler.

She married Wayne H. Fee on Oct. 24, 1926, in Auburn. He died Dec. 12, 1975.

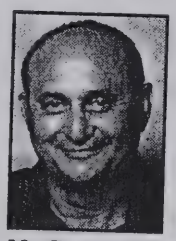
Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kay Fee of Angola; a brother, Herbert Siler of Pioneer, Ohio; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Eicher; four brothers, Willard, Edward, Clarence and Phillip Siler; and two sisters, Marcell Siler and Dorothy Leseney.

There will be no calling or service. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Shelton Bolen

KENDALLVILLE — Shelton Bolen, 70, of Kendallville, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Bolen

Mr. Bolen was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He was a Purple Heart recipient and received a variety of other medals of honor.

He was employed at Dalton Foundry in Kendallville for more than 20 years and was a member of New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

He was born May 10, 1932, to Joseph and Alonzo (Bolen) Bolen at Salt Lick, Knott County, Ky.

He married Gertrude Tackett on Dec. 24, 1953, in Drift, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Theresa Bolen of Wolcottville, Earl and Jewel Bolen of Kendallville and Sheridan and Joyce Hall of Butler; one daughter, Betty Slone of Kendallville; three brothers, Jim Bolen of Genessee, Ill., Joe Bolen Jr. of Kendallville and Garland Gibson of Ypsilanti, Mich.; three sisters, Marie VanBlarken of Pearl, Ill., Cora Barker of South Milford and Bonnie Johnson of Kankakee, Ill.; 21 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents and four brothers, Burnis Bolen, Milford and Milton Handshoe and Monroe Gibson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Community Baptist Church on C.R. 700S near South Milford with Wade Sturdivant officiating.

Calling will be today after 4 p.m. and all day Sunday.

Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dr. Thomas Younger

SALEM, Ore. — Dr. W. Thomas Younger, 74, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, after a long struggle with heart disease.

He was the former president of Western Baptist College, serving as the college's fourth president from 1973 to 1982. He resigned after suffering a heart attack and decided eventually to return to the pastorate. Before becoming the president of Western Baptist, he served as a pastor in Ohio and Indiana for 28 years. He started 12 new churches in the Fort Wayne area. After leaving Western Baptist in May 1982, he returned to the pastorate and led churches in Auburn and in Walnut Creek, Calif.

He and his wife, Davina, returned to Oregon, where he served as special assistant to the president of Western Baptist, and as an associate pastor of Valley Baptist in Perrydale.

In October 2002, Mr. Younger was recognized at Cedarville University, Ohio, in a ceremony that named a student center in his honor. The designation was in honor of his long-standing relationship with the university where he served as a board member emeritus.

He enjoyed writing and at the time of his death he had compiled several hundred devotional manuscripts. Those who received his daily e-mail knew the articles as "Tom's Thought Provokers." His book, "Vision Inspired Leadership," currently is in the works for publication.

Originally from Gary, Mr. Younger married Davina Wallace in 1949.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Don Baranco, Colleen and Mark Cowan and Lori and Timm Taff; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Mark Younger and Peter and Gundi Younger; a sister, Dorothy Huffman; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 3 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church.

Calling is today from 1-5 p.m. at the Howell-Edwards-Doerksen with Rigdon-Ransom Funeral Home in Salem.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund that has been established at both Western Baptist College and Cedarville University.

Robert Milligan

FORT WAYNE — Former Angola resident Robert A. Milligan, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at his daughter's home in Anderson.

Mr. Milligan was a supervisor at Rea-Magnet Wire for 42 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and the American Legion and Moose Lodge in Angola.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II.

He was born March 21, 1921, in Arcola.

His wife, Margaret, preceded him in death in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Smith of Anderson; two sons, Tom Milligan of Fort Wayne and Larry Milligan of Anderson; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Arcola.

Calling is from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery, Arcola.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, American Legion or masses.

Ethyl Shultz

KENDALLVILLE — Ethyl F. Shultz, 86, Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shultz was a 1934 graduate of Kendallville High School. She then studied at Tri-State College in Angola, graduating in 1936.

She retired in 1978 from McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville, where she worked as the director of medical records, after 24 years of service. She was a member of the Corunna Church of Christ and the Rebekah Lodge.

She was born July 19, 1916, to George and Delpha (Ross) Gehring.

She married Harry W. Shultz on Feb. 5, 1938, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jim Springer of Fort Wayne; a grandson and his wife, Scott and Rhonda Fortress of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Delpha Shultz of Macon, Ga.; and four great-granddaughters, Sonya and Lindsay Fortress and Ema Lee Barr and Kaitlin Barr, all of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death were a son, Mark; two sisters, Marcelle Bair and Talitha Fiandt; and two brothers, Art and James Gehring.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim McPeak officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Corunna Church of Christ.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Irene McGuire

AVILLA — Irene (Turk) McGuire, 81, of Avilla, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at 10:25 a.m.

Mrs. McGuire

Mrs. McGuire had been ill for one year and resided at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for six months.

She was a homemaker, loving mother and wife.

Mrs. McGuire and her husband, Max, who survives her, were active with their military friends from World War II and attended reunions twice a year. She also enjoyed reading, cooking and playing cards.

She was born July 18, 1921, in Indianapolis. Her foster parents were Clyde and Corie Stiffner.

She married Max McGuire on Dec. 15, 1942 in Wawaka, who survives. The Rev. Hoover performed the ceremony. They had recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lois and Ken Ward of Rome City, Elaine Wolfe of Albion, and Betty and John Pettit of Goshen; one son, Bil McGuire and friend Rachel Welch of Kendallville; one brother, Ralph Stiffner of Kendallville; one sister, Evelyn Grate of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren and their spouses, Kim and Lance Snyder, Daren Bortner, Kristal Mynhier, Jimmy Mynhier, Tracy and Ron Stanley, Teresa and Troy Airgood, Jenny Pettit, Tiffany and Dennis Wolfe, Steven and Carrie McGuire, Troy and Melissa Owen, Dustin McGuire, Gavin McGuire and Brentin McGuire; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Neal Wolfe; one brother; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home of Albion with the Rev. Tom Novy officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery of Albion.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Troy Owen Dustin McGuire, Daren Bortner, Bill McGuire, Steve McGuire, Ken Ward and John Pettit.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla, 515 N. Main St., Avilla.

Anna Beebe

GARRETT — Anna L. Beebe, 92, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. A complete obituary will be published Tuesday.

Violet Fee

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Violet Mae Fee, 83, of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Fee was a homemaker. She loved to fish and go camping. She formerly lived in Auburn and LaPorte, and moved to Branch County, Mich., in 1953.

She was born Nov. 3, 1919, in Butler, to Harry and Alice Lower.

She married Otis J. Fee on Sept. 12, 1936, in Albion. He preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1976.

Surviving are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Frances Laws of Waterloo, Virginia Oberlin of Kendallville, Beverly and Harry Briggs of Brooklyn, Mich., Janet Fletcher of Montgomery, Mich., and Carol and Robert Harrington of Montgomery; a son, Donald Fee of Butler; a brother, Arnold Lower of Auburn; 32 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Guinn, a son, Dick Fee, four sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Jim Hazekamp officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in California Cemetery, Montgomery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Irma Camp

SPENCERVILLE — Irma Mae (Allen) Camp, 78, died Sunday morning, Jan. 26, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Camp was a homemaker and had worked as a waitress at the Spencerville Eat'n Haus. She was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

She was born May 24, 1924, in Butler to Lester Burl Snyder and Dortha Lorie (Aldrich) Snyder.

She married William J. Allen on May 29, 1945, in Spencerville. He died Oct. 5, 1964.

She married Robert J. Camp on April 18, 1968, in Spencerville. He died in July 4, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lorie and Dennis Pugh of Auburn; three sons, Dennis Allen of Indianapolis and Jack Allen and William Allen, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Verle Snyder of Auburn.

Another brother, A. Gene Snyder, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Pastors Gerry Weesner and John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Women.

Condolences may be e-mailed to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

The Evening Star, Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Anna Beebe

GARRETT — Anna L. Beebe, 92, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mrs. Beebe was born in Defiance County, Ohio. She worked at Sechler's Pickles in St. Joe for 12 years and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard C. and Dorothy Beebe of Frederick, Md., and Michael and Jennifer Beebe of Auburn; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia and Jack Brueggeman of Fort Wayne and Penelope and Donald Sechler of St. Joe; two brothers, Virgil Billow of Harrison, Mich., and Denver Billow of Bristol; a sister, Elnora Figy of Wauseon, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C.; a daughter, Nancy VanCleave; two brothers, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Gladys Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Gladys L. Jackson, 99, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville July 30, 1903, to George and Mabel (Lighty) Jourdan.

She married John W. Butler on Feb. 28, 1925. He died Nov. 17, 1942. She later married Andrew P. Jackson. He died Sept. 12, 1979.

Surviving are a son, John J. Butler of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Deborah Sue Barry of Auburn; a grandson, Gregory Lynn Butler of Brooklyn, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a brother, Earl Jourdan.

Graveside services will be in Lisbon Cemetery at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Ethel Holbrook

LAOTTO — Ethel Holbrook, 88, of rural LaOtto in DeKalb County, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at 10:05 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She had been in declining health and was hospitalized for two days.

Mrs. Holbrook was a homemaker and member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church. She moved from Clinton County, Ky., to Fort Wayne in 1936. She had lived in Butler Township since her marriage.

She was born April 7, 1914, in Clinton County, Ky., to All and Arminda (Smith) Scheckels.

She married Lee "Ports" Holbrook on May 17, 1947, in DeKalb County. He died in 1963.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Robert L. and Helen Holbrook of Wolcottville, Howard J. and Fay Holbrook of Garrett, Joe D. and Carmen Holbrook of LaOtto and Donnie P. and Joan Holbrook of Huntertown; a brother, Samuel "Jack" Sheckels of Indianapolis; 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jane Holbrook; four sisters, Edna Graham, Flossie Vincent, Wila Wright and Eva Sheckels; and three brothers, Willard Sheckels, John Sheckels and James "Vesty" Sheckels.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Dean Bearman of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Verl Hartman

WATERLOO — Verl L. Hartman, 91, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Hartman retired from Kitchen Quip Co. in 1976 after working there for 11 years. He also was a log hauler and farmer. He was a member of the Waterloo Cemetery Board for nine years.

He was born June 17, 1911, in Fairfield Township of DeKalb County to William Wesley Hartman and Ethel (Daniels) Hartman.

He married Louise Dibling on Jan. 4, 1934. She died in November 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Ida Mae Hartman of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Ralph Noragon of Auburn; several nieces and nephews; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 10 step-great grandchildren.

A son, Wayne Hartman, and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter and the Rev. John Scott will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Elmer Mullins

FORT WAYNE — Elmer Ray Mullins, 69, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Fla.

He retired in 1994 from B.F. Goodrich after 25 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Shoaff Park Baptist Church.

Mr. Mullins was born May 10, 1933, in Montcoal, W.Va., to Mason H. and Lillis (Collins) Mullins Sr.

His wife, Shirley D. (Jarrell) Mullins, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dena Rae and Denny England of Spencerville and Nancy Lee and Ken Rorick of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald E. and Ruby Mullins of Pickerton, Ohio; six grandchildren, Sherrie and Richard Ray, Daniell and Ronda Mullins and Cami and Kendra Rorick; and a sister, Mildred Adkins of Bradenton, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Elmer Ray Mullins in 1957, a sister, Claire Ellen Mullins, and two brothers, Mason Jr. and Gene Mullins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Shoaff Park Baptist Church, 6651 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Joel Sherrill officiating.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, or at the church from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Memorials are to Shoaff Park Baptist Church or the American Heart Association.

Ruby Null

NEW HAVEN — Ruby I. Null, 91, of New Haven, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Noble County, she was a homemaker and had worked for a time at Wayne Knitting Mill.

She is survived by her husband, Charles B.; two daughters, Sharon Hedeen of Fort Wayne and Gloria Schowe of Auburn; three sons, Charles Romine of Battle Creek, Mich., Don Null of Zanesville and Jerry Null of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Griesinger of St. Louis, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceeded in death by a daughter, Clarabelle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling one hour before the service.

Additional calling is Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Haven United Methodist Church.

Robert Gulick

FORT WAYNE — Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont for Robert C. Gulick, 49, a former Angola resident.

Mr. Gulick died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at his home in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 6, 1953.

The Evening Star, Friday, January 31, 2003

Emma Squier

HOUGHTON LAKE, Mich. — Emma M. Squier, 85, of Houghton Lake, died Wednesday. Jan. 29, 2003, at Kings Nursing Center.

Mrs. Squier had lived in Houghton Lake since 1956, coming from Indiana.

She was very active in a senior citizen center for many years and was a member of Houghton Lake Bible Church. She was a member of Houghton Lake American Legion Post 245, the Moose Lodge and Eagles of Houghton Lake.

She was born in Aboite, Ind., on March 2, 1917, to Wilbert J. and Pinkie (Shock) Gettmann.

She married DeWayne G. Squier on Aug. 30, 1941, in Auburn. He died in 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Rolland Symons of Houghton Lake; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha and John Hoban and Ethel and Eugene Irwin, all of Indiana; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Virgil Gettmann of Hawaii and Frederick and Cecile Gettmann of Georgia; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Jack Squier, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling from 2-4 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Houghton Lake Bible Church.

Gregory Clingan

HUDSON — Gregory Lynn Clingan, 35, of Hudson, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, in a semi wreck near Flint, Mich.

Mr. Clingan was born Jan 21, 1968, in Auburn to Robert and Emily (Call) Clingan. He married Jodi Lyons on Oct. 27, 2001, at the Hudson United Brethren Church, and she survives.

Mr. Clingan

He was a truck driver for North Central Co-op, and fire chief of the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge No. 614, a reserve town marshal for the town of Hudson and a member of the Budd Bass Busters. Clingan was also an emergency medical technician for the Steuben County Emergency Medical Service.

Surviving are two daughters, Kayla and Madison, and three stepchildren, Alicia Harding, Brooklyn Lyons and Dallas Lyons, all living at home; two brothers, Doug of Orland and Jeff of Stroh; and his grandmother, Georgene Call of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church, with Pastor Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will also be held at the church from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. with an Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Memorial Service at 8 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at Brown Funeral Home in Flint, Mich., Wednesday at 7 p.m. The service will be presented by the Flint Fire Chaplains and will include the Flint Fire Color Guard along with local politicians and emergency personnel from the Flint area.

Burial will be at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Memorials are to Hudson Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 191, Hudson, IN 46747.

Condolences can be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Gerald Schenk

FORT WAYNE — Gerald D. Schenk, 54, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

Born in Allen County, he was self-employed.

He is survived by his wife, Donna of Fort Wayne; two sons, Jon of Auburn and Jeff of New Haven; a daughter, Michelle Biggs of New Haven; a stepson, Terry Lamb of Columbia City; four grandchildren, Jani and Jessie Biggs of New Haven and Ty and Gabe Schenk of Auburn; two sisters, Barb Brown of Texas and Irma Pensinger of Garrett; and two brothers, Roger of Florida and Wyman of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Ruby Schenk.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Memorials are to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Byron Weitzel

LAGRO — Byron Keith Weitzel, 76, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at 5:50 p.m. at his home in Lagro.

A 1944 graduate of Laketon High School, he worked for Fisher Body in Marion for 27 1/2 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15, the North Manchester Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Wabash Moose Lodge. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born Sept. 15, 1926, in North Manchester to Hugh Lee and Lona Marie (Zobroski) Weitzel.

He married Martha "Marty" Lynn on Nov. 2, 1980, in Lagro and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Melinda M. and David Keaffaber of Wabash; a son, Byron Douglas Weitzel of Peru; a stepdaughter and her husband, Angie and Ken Strahan of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Jack Fisher of Warsaw, Jerry Fisher and his wife, Janice Fisher of Fort Wayne and Patrick Fisher of Fort Wayne; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Robert Weitzel of Pinellas Park, Fla., and Larry and Diane Weitzel of Wabash; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Connie Sue Vordran of Auburn, Joyce Ebbinghouse of Wabash and Marilee and Theron Rupley of North Manchester; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one stepson preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today in Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with John Leinbaugh officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester.

James Hart

ST. JOE — James A. Hart, 84, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at 2 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Hart was a lifetime farmer. He retired from International Harvester at Fort Wayne in 1980 after 30 years of service.

He was a deacon, trustee and member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ and a member of the Spencerville Masonic Lodge.

Talented in vocal music and the banjo, harmonica and guitar, he was a member of the St. Joe Valley Boys Band in the 1930s and 1940s.

He was born Sept. 26, 1918, in DeKalb County to Jesse J. and Della (Mann) Hart.

He married Gladys M. Keener on Sept. 6, 1940, in Hillsdale, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Phyllis of Springfield, Ohio, Gary and Roberta of Harlan and Dennis and Karen of St. Joe; a daughter, Evon Hart, and her special friend Cecil, of Auburn; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Walter of Hicksville, Ohio; and three sisters, Lucille Monosmith, Leota Keppeher and Margaret Keppeher, all of Edgerton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sue Ann Hart; his parents; one sister, Anna Belle Hart; and three brothers, Henry, Jesse and Leoral Hart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ. Pastor Todd Steere and Pastor Doug Holley will officiate. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling is Monday after 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Loretta Eicher

WOODBURN — Loretta M. Eicher, 72, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Eicher was born in Fort Wayne. She had lived in the Woodburn area for 50 years.

She was a soda jerk for Feulling's Drug Store; a cook for Woodlan High School and the Townhouse Retirement Community; a baker for Beachy's Health Food Shop and Amanda's Bakery, where she made cinnamon rolls; and an independent home health aide who took care of stroke victims. She was a homemaker and baked cakes for weddings.

She was a member of Westwood Mennonite Church in Woodburn and its ladies auxiliary and ladies club.

She married Menno Eicher in 1947. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Debbie Steury of Auburn, Anita Timmerman of Fort Wayne and Chrissy Rabbani of Sidney, Ohio; three sons, Terry of Fort Wayne, Jerry of Ontario, Canada, and Dean of Woodburn; three brothers, Junior Lake of Bedford, Ky., and Don Brososky and Larry Brososky, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barb Zehr; 15 grandchildren and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Westwood Mennonite Church, 4100 Becker Road, Woodburn. Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to her husband.

Siler Embalming and Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Baker

HOWE — Donald C. Baker, 88, of 103 South St., died at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, in LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange.

On Nov. 14, 1914, in Portland, Ore., he was born to Leon B. and Augusta (Bloom) Baker. He married Mary Ann Simpson on Nov. 2, 1946, in Saint Helens, Ore. She survives.

He worked in human resources at a paper mill in Saint Helens.

Mr. Baker belonged to the 104th Timberwolf Division and received the bronze star and the French Croix de Guerre, the highest award given by the French government to a non-French citizen.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Leon (Butch) and Kathleen Baker, Howe; and five grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with the Rev. George Douglass officiating. Burial is in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

David Cranston

ORANGE BEACH, ALA.— David John Cranston, 36, of Orange Beach, Ala., formerly of Fremont, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, in Gulf Shores, Ala.

On June 9, 1966, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Arthur William and Joanne E. (Baysinger) Cranston. They survive in Orange Beach.

He was self-employed in the pressure washing business and enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards.

Also surviving are two brothers, Timothy Scott Cranston, Fishers, Ind., and Michael Lee Cranston, Gulf Shores, Ala.; two nieces; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

The family requests prayers for David John Cranston.

Donald Diggins

LAGRANGE — Donald R. Diggins, 83, of 4840S C.R. 150E, LaGrange, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at the Life Care Center of LaGrange.

In Wolcottville on March 6, 1919, he was born to Harold H. and Ruth (Needham) Diggins. He married Joan Caton in LaGrange on March 11, 1945. She survives.

He was the former funeral director with Caton & Frurip Funeral Home and Furniture Store, LaGrange. He also owned LaGrange Title & Abstract Co. from 1970 to 1989.

Mr. Diggins was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, and a member of the LaGrange American Legion, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F & AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and LaGrange County Shrine Club. He was a former LaGrange County Coroner and former LaGrange County Council member.

He was also a former member and the first president of LaGrange Jaycees and LaGrange Rotary.

Surviving are: four daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and E.J. Walter, Anderson, Elaine and Terry Flynn, Moab, Utah, Jan and W.A. Montgomery, Indianapolis, and Cathy and James McKinley, New Palestine, Ind.; a sister, Joyce Diggins, Kendallville; a brother, Vance W. Diggins, Empire, Mich.; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. American Legion graveside service will follow the funeral services.

Masonic service is at 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

M. Alma Herber

AVILLA — Sister M. Alma Joseph Herber O.S.F., 91, died at 6:25 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

On Sept. 27, 1911, in Fort Wayne, she was born at Fred and Mary Brigid (Wyss) Herber.

She was in the religious order for 76 years, and a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart for 57 years.

Sister Herber served in hospitals in Illinois and California and was director of nursing at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla from 1964 to 1970. She was an x-ray technician and phsiotherapist.

Surviving are two brothers, Phillip J. and Walter F. Herber, addresses unknown.

She was preceded in deaty by two sisters, Alma Freiburger and Amella Boday, and seven brothers, Benjamin J., Frank J., Fred M., Rheinhart A., Leo J., Charles J. and the Rev. Max J. Herber.

Services are at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home Chapel in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial is in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla with a wake service at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers a memorial may be made to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Senior Sisters Retirement Fund, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Ill 60423-8335.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to clarify information.

Gregory Clingan

Mr. Clingan

HUDSON — Gregory Lynn Clingan, 35, of Hudson, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, in a semi wreck near Flint, Mich.

Mr. Clingan was born Jan 21, 1968, in Auburn to Robert and Emily (Call) Clingan. They survive.

He married Jodi Lyons on Oct. 27, 2001, at the Hudson United Brethren Church, and she survives.

He was a truck driver for North Central Co-op, and fire chief of the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge No. 614, a reserve town marshal for the town of Hudson and a member of the Budd Bass Busters. Clingan was also an emergency medical technician for the Steuben County Emergency Medical Service.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kayla and Madison, and three stepchildren, Alicia Harding, Brooklyn Lyons and Dallas Lyons, all living at home: two brothers. Doug of Orland and Jeff of Stroh; and his grandmother, Georgene Call of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church, with Pastor Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will also be held at the church from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. with an Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Memorial Service at 8 p.m.

Burial will be at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Memorials are to Hudson Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 191, Hudson, IN 46747.

Johnson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Birdenia Williams

PLEASANT LAKE — Birdenia May Williams, 75, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at her daughter Shirley Riehl's home in Talbott, Tenn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Tobias Pfenning

HOWE — Tobias H. "Nick" Pfenning, 66, of 1045E C.R. 485N, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at his residence.

On Aug. 2, 1936, in Howe, he was born to Tobias F. and Ila M. (Ridley) Pfennning, who are deceased. He married Sandra L. Prestidge on May 7,1955, in Nottawa, Mich. She survives.

He was a lifetime Howe resident and retired from Ross Laboratories in Sturgis, Mich., where he worked from 1955 to 1991.

Mr. Pfenning was a member of the LaGrange Missionary Church, the V.F.W. Dad's Club in Sturgis, Mich., and an avid golfer.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kimba and Steve Lee, Sturgis, Marjorie and Russell Lewis, Howe, and Bambi Walley, Sturgis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Boe and Stephanie Pfenning, Portage, Mich., and Nick and Tina Pfenning, Shipshewana; three brothers, James and Fred Pfenning, both of Howe, and Max Pfenning, Colon, Mich.; a sister, Martha Wallace, LaGrange; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceeded in death by a son, Herby Pfenning in 1965, and a sister, Merlyn Sybesma.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Revs. Josh Hossler and Bradley Ulick officiating. Burial is in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Mildred Shippy

ROCHESTER — Mildred L. Shippy, 92, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, in Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, after a two-week illness.

In Booneville, Ind., on Sept. 6, 1910, she was born to John M. and Margaret (Bennie) Johnson. She married Emmett Shippy in Ligonier on April 7, 1932. He preceded her in death on March 28, 1984.

Mrs. Shippy

She was a homemaker and a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Mrs. Shippy had lived in Rochester since 1984, and lived in Kendallville from 1975 to 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stuart and Janet Shippy, Rochester; four daughters and sons-in-law, Janis and Son Swank, Kendallville, Betty and Jerry Chapman, New Carlisle, Patricia and Dorman Wolff, Elkhart, and Susan Kay and Edward Walters, South Bend; a brother, Thomas M. Johnson, Kendallville; 16 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Lula Mae Millard, preceded her in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace United Methodist Church music department.

Louise Walkup

KENDALLVILLE — Louise O. Walkup, 74, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In West Virginia on Nov. 6, 1928, she was born to Carl and Mabel (Shreaves) Osborne. She married Forrest Clayton Walkup on Aug. 15, 1947. He survives.

She attended Harvest Community Church in Kendallville and was a cashier at the former Rogers Market in Kendallville until retiring in 1984.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Brenda and Ed Froelich, Kendallville, and Barbara Allen and Kathy Zimmerman, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Clarence Osborne, Silver Springs, Md., and Carl Osborne, of Pennsylvania; a sister, Glenna Sharer, Dunedin, Fla.; three grandsons, Todd Froelich and Jardan Pyle, both of Kendallville, and Arthur Allen, Fort Wayne; two granddaughters, Amy Sloffer, Fort Wayne, and Stacy Zimmerman, Nashville, Tenn.; and three great-grandchildren.

A grandson, Shane Zimmerman, preceded her in death.

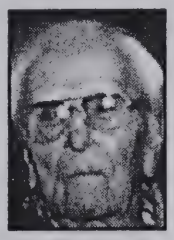
Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Send condolences or sign the guest book at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Lloyd Myers

AUBURN — Lloyd H. Myers, 110, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.



Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers was a farmer in DeKalb County from 1925 to 1944. He owned and operated a dairy serving Ashley and Hudson for 11 years, then moved to Auburn and worked at Kroger, Leas Market, the Gamble store and Auburn City Hardware.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn and a former member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo.

He enjoyed social activities at the Heimach Center, the 76'ers euchre group and the senior group at the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born March 20, 1892, in Smithfield Township of DeKalb County.

His first wife, Elmira (Goodwin), died Sept. 10, 1970. His second wife, Ursula Mountz (Drerup), died June 10, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Rank and Doretha J. Curry, both of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Esther and Gerry Souder of Auburn; a stepdaughter-in-law, Margaret Drerup of Auburn; three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren and 15 stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Orville J.; two stepsons, Paul and Bernard Drerup; a daughter, Judy Kinsel; two sons-in-law, Lloyd Rank and Maurice Curry; three brothers, Vern, Ernest and Homer Myers; and one sister, Nettie Grate.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church of Auburn, Heimach Center of Auburn or Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo.

Carionna Dohner

ANGOLA — Carionna Marie Dohner, 14 weeks old, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at 11:55 a.m. at her home.

She was born Oct. 23, 2002, in Fort Wayne, to Norman D. and Amber (Hodge) Dohner of Angola. Both parents survive.

Also surviving are two brothers, Ethan C. Hodge of Angola and Lonny E. Dohner of Hamilton; three grandparents, Norman H. Dohner Jr. of Angola, Doris J. Henkel of Garrett and Terri J. Sewell of Hamilton; a great-grandmother, Merylee J. Dohner of Hamilton; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Skip Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Birdenia Williams

PLEASANT LAKE — Birdenia May Williams, 75, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at her daughter's home in Talbott, Tenn.

Mrs. Williams was born May 21, 1927, in Pleasant Lake to Grover Carl and Blanche (Wood) Tritch.

She was a machine operator at Aro-Modernair for 23 years and also owned Bernie's Book Exchange in Pleasant Lake for 15 years.

She was a member of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Angola Women of the Moose.

Surviving are a son, Jim Williams of Eugene, Ore.; two daughters, Jeanie Williams of Angola and Shirley Riehl of Talbott, Tenn.; two brothers, William Tritch of Ashley and Keith Tritch of Youngstown, Ohio; two sisters, Marjorie Kukuck of West Unity, Ohio, and Audra Doster of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Toby Williams; a grandson, Karsten Williams; and a brother, Orlo Tritch.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Roberta Bowser

GARRETT — Roberta Isabel Bowser, 81, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at 3:24 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Bowser

Mrs. Bowser had lived in Garrett for 22 years. She lived for many years in Brandon, Fla., coming to Garrett often, most recently in 1981 to reside with her daughter, Judy Miller.

Well known as an excellent cook, she cooked at many nursing homes in the area and worked in the Brandon, Fla., high school for many years.

She had a lifetime love of animals of all kinds and at various times raised cats, dogs, hamsters, guinea pigs and birds. She was a true friend to all who knew her, was always there when someone needed help and always shared all she had.

She was born Nov. 27, 1921, in Anderson to Harry T. and Nell R. (Stricker) Maze.

She married Theodore M. Bowser on Aug. 16, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio, He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Judy Miller of Garrett, JoAnn Triplett of Topock, Ariz., and Patricia Warren of Haddock, Ga.; three sons, Richard Bowser of Garrett, Phillip Bowser of Due West., S.C., and Roger Bowser of Bonifay, Fla; a brother, Robert Maze of Garrett; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ned Maze, and a son, Ricky Bowser.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Maplewood Cemetery of Anderson.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jerry Kjendalen

ASHLEY — Jerry Kjendalen, 91, of Ashley, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Indiana Veterans Home, West Lafayette.

Mr. Kjendalen was born Aug. 12, 1911, in Iola, Wis., to Henry and Alma (Matson) Kjendalen.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He also was a retired accountant and worked for Smith Enterprises in Angola for 15 years.

He moved to West Lafayette in 2001.

His wife Hilda died in 1989.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald Kjendalen of Natchez, Miss., and James and Barbara Kjendalen of Hudson; two sisters, Ruth Beck of Portland, Ore., and Helen Jenson of Dickson, Ill.; four grandchildren, Dr. Lance Kjendalen, Eric and Darrell Kjendalen and Pam Engle; and five great-grandchildren, Brianna, Nick, Zack, Tiffany and Holly.

There will be no services or calling. Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at johnson@kuntrynet.com.

James Taylor Sr.

PORT RICHEY, Fla. — James A. Taylor Sr., 77, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at Hospice Care Center, New Port Richey, Fla.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for 20 years and the U.S. Postal Service for 24 years, retiring in 1986. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Veterans Associations, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks, Eagles and the New Haven Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife, Winona, of Port Richey; a son, the Rev. James A. Taylor Jr. of Mooresville; three daughters, Janice K. Kinane of San Diego, Calif., Judith A. Potts of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Jeanne L. Adams of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Russell H. Taylor of Auburn and Eugene C. Taylor of New Haven; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services took place at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hernando & Pasco Counties Hospice or New Haven Kiwanis.

Martha Atkison

LAGRANGE — Martha E. Atkison, 88, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at 4:22 a.m. in LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was a retired secretary at Parkside Elementary School.

A lifetime resident of LaGrange, she was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, the church's Ruth Circle and the Bloomfield Township Home Economics Club.

She was born in LaGrange County on Sept. 28, 1914, to N. Verne and Loesa (Omstead) Slater.

She married Charles D. Atkison on Dec. 24, 1935, in LaGrange. He died Dec. 12, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Sue Atkison of Garrett and LeeRoy and Linda Atkinson of Norfolk, Va.; one sister, LaVerne Wells of LaGrange; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange.

Harold Prough

HAMILTON — Harold A. Prough, 86, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Prough

Mr. Prough worked as a machine operator at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 38 years, retiring in 1979.

He was born Jan. 18, 1917, in Fort Wayne, to Nathaniel and Treva (Wickliff) Prough.

He married Inez L. Thompson on Aug. 6, 1938. She died Jan. 7, 1985.

He married Clara Lucile Thompson on June 7, 1986, and she died Nov. 10, 1989.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steven D. and Susan Prough of Austin, Texas, Thomas A. and Elizabeth Prough of Deltona, Fla., and David M. and Gloria Prough of Leo; two daughters and one son-in-law, Joyce E. and Gary Powell of Fremont and Marsha L. Wipple of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Minnie Freimuth of Fort Wayne; five stepchildren and their spouses, Dennis and Jackie Kruse of Springfield, Va., Cheryl and Ron Myers of Montpelier, Ohio, Larry Kruse of Fort Wayne, Ron Kruse of Fort Wayne and Bev and Dan Wichern of Cedar Hill; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters and his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Riley Memorial Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wilbur Parker

JACKSON, Mich. — Wilbur J. Parker, 73, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at Foote Hospital in Jackson.

Mr. Parker was born in Garrett on Nov. 29, 1929. He was employed by the Conrail Railroad in Jackson. He was a life member of the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Jackson post of the American Legion. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by four sisters, Mary Lou Gilmore of Potterville, Mich., Carolyn Churchward of Churubusco, Leona Grear of Ashley and Manola Williams of Plymouth; a brother, Robert Parker of Garrett; and a special friend, Marjorie Weage of Jackson.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Meriam McNamara and Viola Parker.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling from 1-2 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Hospice of Jackson.

Daniel Medina

FORT WAYNE — Daniel R. Medina, 45, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by three sons, Mike Medina and Daniel Medina Jr., both of Auburn, and Marty Medina of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Ismael of Kent, Wash.; Ernest of Fort Wayne, Jorge of Lafayette and Jose of Seattle, Wash.; six sisters, Josefina Medina of Fort Wayne, Adella Anzaldua of Lafayette, Isabel Schmits of Tacoma, Wash., Herminia Medina of Oklahoma, and Marianne Medina and Rosario Medina, both of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Medina's body will be donated to the anatomical education program.

Alpha Funeral Service of Indianapolis is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Moore

WARSAW — Elizabeth C. Moore, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at 2:10 p.m. in Grace Village Health Care, Winona Lake, Warsaw.

Mrs. Moore formerly lived in Andrews and was a 1931 graduate of Andrews High School. She was employed by the former G.E.M.C.O. of Andrews for 10 years, sewing tents and upholstery.

She was a member of the Andrews Lioness Club and had been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1967. She was a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Andrews Chapter 189, a 50-year member of the Huntington Floral Chapter 75 of OES and a member of Andrews First Christian Church.

She was born April 4, 1913, in Arlington, Ind., to the Rev. John Jacob Bare and Anna (Jones) Bare.

On Nov. 21, 1936, she married Albert Eugene "Dinty" Moore in Treaty, Ind. He died Dec. 1, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Leland Duane Moore of Warsaw; a daughter, Diann Slaymaker of Warsaw; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and several relatives in the DeKalb County area.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Forest and Melvin Bare, and a sister, Ruth Andrew.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Deal-Robbins & Van Gilder Funeral Home, Andrews Chapel, 233 N. Main St., Andrews, with Dr. Kent Young officiating.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home

Twilight services will be conducted Friday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home by the O.E.S. Huntington Floral Chapter 75.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorials are to the Andrews Christian Church, in care of the funeral home.

E-mail condolences to drvgfuneral@skyenet.net.

Theda Young

ANGOLA — Theda Marilyn Young, 83, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Young

She had retired from Rainbow Beauty and Gifts in Angola and the IN Fashions in Butler. She was a member of Steuben County Business and Professional Women.

She was born July 18, 1919, in Hudson, to Heber and Maybelle (Ziebelle) Leas. She married Allan Fowler, and he preceded her in death in 1968. Her second husband, Clayton "Sparky" Young, died in 1999, and a brother, Lynn Leas, died in 1925.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Karen Stockwell of Hudson and Allan and Linda Fowler of Belle Mead, N.J.; three stepdaughters, Roxanne McCavit of Allen, Mich., and Cindy Garcia and Lori Wigent, both of Reading, Mich.; a stepson, Barry Young of North Adams, Mich.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Memorials are to the cemetery in care of Johnson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 95, Hudson, IN 46747. Condolences can be e-mailed to the family at johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Bishop Joseph Crowley

SOUTH BEND — Joseph R. Crowley, 88, retired auxiliary bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at about 4 a.m.

He was well known throughout the diocese. Following a five-year banking career and service in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, he was ordained a priest at age 38. Bishop John F. Noll conducted his ordination May 1, 1953, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. In 1971, he was ordained auxiliary bishop of the local diocese.

In nearly 50 years as a priest, he served in Fort Wayne, as well as in Pierceton, Lagro and South Bend. In addition to several other duties, he was on the council of Today's Catholic, and was editor of Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington. He was moderator of the U.S. Bishops' press panel during the final session of the Second Vatican Council and chairman of the U.S. Catholic conference's committee on communication.

Pope John Paul II accepted his letter of retirement on May 8, 1990, effective July 15, 1990.

Services will be Saturday at noon at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, with Bishop John M. D'Arcy officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, at 5:30 p.m.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m. with a rosary service at 4 p.m. Father Michael Heintz, administrator of St. Matthew Parish, will preside at a 7 p.m. mass.

On Friday, there will be a mass at 9 a.m. with St. Matthew School children, followed by viewing. There will be a rosary at 4 p.m., a vigil conducted by Bishop D'Arcy at 7 p.m. and viewing will continue until 9 p.m.

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Jerry Kjendalen

ASHLEY — Jerry Kjendalen, 91, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette.

He was a retired accountant and worked for Smith Enterprises in Angola for 15 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 12, 1911, in Iola, Wis., to Henry and Alma (Matson) Kjendalen. His wife, Hilda, preceded him in death in 1988.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Barbara Kjendalen of Hudson and Ronald Kjendalen of Natchez, Miss.; two sisters, Ruth Beck of Portland, Ore., and Helen Johnson-Dickson of Illinois; four grandchildren, Dr. Lance Kjendalen, Eric Kjendalen, Darrell Bartel and Pam Engle; and five great-grandchildren, Brianna, Nick, Zack, Holly and Tiffany.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Ashley-Hudson Manor, 830 W. State St., Ashley, with calling one hour before services. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Rita 'Jan' Morton

BRYAN, Ohio — Rita J. "Jan" Morton, 67, died late Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Morton was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, where she sang in the choir. She served as treasurer for the Community Concert Association and was a former member of the Bryan City Band and the Bryan YWCA Board of Directors. She was a Girl Scout leader and a licensed practical nurse.

She was born Sept. 6, 1935, in Auburn to William G. and Eva L. (Sweet) Weinert.

She married Carson G. Morton on Feb. 11, 1961, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Susan B. and Chris Holewinski of Indianapolis and Sandra K. Morton of Bryan; and two granddaughters, Elaine and Chloe Holewinski, both of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, William D. Weinert of Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan with the Rev. Edward Auchard and the Rev. Theron Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery at Bryan.

Calling is Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church building fund.

Rice-Burr Funeral Home of Bryan is in charge of arrangements.

Ray Friskney

KENDALLVILLE — Ray L. Friskney, 98, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at 3:45 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Friskney

Mr. Friskney graduated from General Motors Institute after high school. He was a mechanical engineer. He was part-owner of Spayd Ohio Mfg., in Van Wert, Ohio, and owner of Federal Seal & Gear in Kendallville from 1941 to 1968, Hudson Trucking and Hudson Warehouse, both in Kendallville, and Friskney Gear & Machine in Corunna. He was a member of Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

He was born June 9, 1904, in Albion to John Arthur and Berniece (Smith) Friskney.

He married Myrtle Davis on July 3, 1933. She died May 19, 1986.

He later married Minnie A. (Crager) Allen. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Dwight Keck of Fort Wayne; three stepsons and their spouses, Bill and Debra Allen, Rex and Donna Allen and Rick and D. Allen, all of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Eugene, David and John Keck; and eight stepgrandchildren, Tracy Faust, Scott Allen, Travis Ehret, Brian Allen, Julie Noble, Jennifer Allen, Elisha Allen and Krista Allen; five great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Doris Coffelt of Kendallville and Mary Baldwin of Michigan.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Elsie Kaiser; and four brothers, Glen, Ralph, Carroll and Robert Friskney.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh of Free Will Baptist Church and the Rev. Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville

Memorials are to Free Will Baptist Church.

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Marilyn Young

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Mrs. Young

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Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Karen Stockwell of Hudson and Allan and Linda Fowler of Belle Mead, N.J.; a daughter, Alison Taylor of Corydon; three stepdaughters, Roxanne McCavit of Allen, Mich., and Cindy Garcia and Lori Wigent, both of Reading, Mich.; a stepson, Barry Young of North Adams, Mich.; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren 13 stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch officiating.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Memorials are to the cemetery in care of Johnson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 95, Hudson, IN 46747.

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Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Ashley-Hudson Manor, 830 W. State St., Ashley, with calling one hour before services. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Glen Judd

COLUMBIA CITY — Glen E. Judd, 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at 12:45 a.m. at his home. He had been in failing health for two years.

Mr. Judd lived in Thorncreek Township and graduated from Thorncreek School and Columbia City High School. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was honorably discharged Oct. 17, 1946.

He retired from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne on July 31, 1987, with 40 years of service. He enjoyed woodworking and crafting original pieces during his retirement. He was a member of American Legion Post 98.

He was born May 19, 1925, in Whitley County to Clarence and Effie May (Appleton) Judd.

He married Evelyn M. Hartman Dec. 3, 1945. She died Jan. 11.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dennis L. and Cindy Judd and Randall L. Judd, all of Columbia City, and Jeffrey G. and Chris Judd of Pierceton; six grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Franklin Judd of New York; and three sisters, Faith Karst of Columbia City, and Edith Burnworth and Wilma Crabill, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Lester, Gerald, Ralph, Kenneth, Dale, Harold and Donald Judd; and three sisters, Hazel and Elma Judd and Eileen Moore.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Myron Drent of Country Bible Church of North Webster officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post 98.

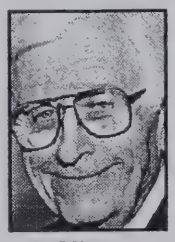
Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Harold Gibson

PLEASANT LAKE — Harold F. "Hal" Gibson, 78, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gibson was born Jan. 18, 1925, in Flint, Mich., to Frank and Charlotte (Knoelk) Gibson.



Mr. Gibson

He married LaVonne "Bonnie" Imhoff on April 3, 1949. She survives, residing at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Gibson was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II.

He worked in administration at Lincoln National Life Insurance, retiring in 1986 after 22 years of service. He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Lions for 40 years, and was a 1949 graduate of Tri-State College.

Surviving are a son, Bruce Gibson of Wake Forest, N.C.; and two daughters, Glenda Wilson of Hudson and Gina Gibson of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Shilling, and a brother, James Gibson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Susan Beckett and the Rev. Emmett Goetschius officiating. Calling is two hours before services.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity or organization of the donor's choice.

Marcile Van Arsdale

ANGOLA — Marcile M. Van Arsdale, 84, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Van Arsdale came to Angola from St. Joseph, Mo. She had worked as a sales lady at Brown Shoe Co. in St. Joseph and was a member of the Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

She was born Dec. 6, 1918, in Payne, Ohio, to John H. and Marie (Keller) Krohn.

She was married first to Joseph Cordell, who preceded her in death in 1952, and then to Harry Van Arsdale, who died in 1961.

Surviving are four brothers, Doyle Krohn of Fort Wayne, Herman Krohn of Woodburn, Henry Krohn of Hamilton and Walter Krohn of Angola; and a sister, Patricia Moss of Las Vegas.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Krohn, and two brothers, Ray and Ambrose Krohn.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Lehman Cemetery in Payne, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Edwin Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Edwin A. Blech, 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blech was a machine operator for Burtzner Brothers & Wilhelm Gravel Co. near LaOtto for more than 20 years before retiring in 1983. He also served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1941-1945.

Mr. Blech

Mr. Blech was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and Eagles Lodge, both in Kendallville, as well as the American Legion and David Parrish Post 296, both in Fort Wayne. He attended Aboite Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He lived in Fort Wayne 11 years.

He was born on Jan. 17, 1921, near DeKalb County to Frank and Elma (Parr) Blech.

He married Jean Rosemary Hill on Oct. 7, 1945, in Kendallville. She died Feb. 7, 1983.

Surviving are his companion, Lucy Crayton of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Diane and Robert Shuty of Lower Burrell, Pa., and Cindy Duncan, address unknown; a granddaughter and her husband, Barbara and Mark Baker of Lower Burrell; a grandson, Adam Shuty of Lower Burrell; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Blech and Paul and Margaret Blech, all of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Beverly Blech of Waterloo; and three great-grandchildren, Jerry, Jennifer and Courtney Wilson, all of Pennsylvania.

A brother, Robert Blech, proceeded him in death in 2001.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Erle Faulkner

LAOTTO — Erle Duane Faulkner, 71, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at 4:25 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after being ill for six years, the last six months seriously.

For 22 1/2 years, Mr. Faulkner served as a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, where he traveled extensively and served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He also was employed at MacDonald Machinery in Fort Wayne for 24 years before retiring.

Mr. Faulkner

Mr. Faulkner was born March 31, 1931, in Huntington, and had lived in LaOtto since 1969.

He married Melba L. Mallo on Dec. 21, 1955, in Roanoke, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Randy Faulkner of Columbia City, Ricky Faulkner of LaOtto and Russell Faulkner of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Jeffrey Collins of Waterloo and Robin and Damon Lewis of Avilla; four grandchildren, Amanda Collins, Emily Collins, Catie Lewis and Nicole Collins; and a brother, Paul Faulkner of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marlene Carrouthers, and three brothers, Larry, John and Eldon Faulkner.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Judith Follis of Hope Lutheran Church in Coesse officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Edwin Carwile

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Edwin F. Carwile, 51, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at 7 p.m. at the home of his son. He had been in failing health for the past several months.

Mr. Carwile worked at Trident Corp. in Hicksville for 25 years and served in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1972.

He was born June 27, 1951, in Hicksville to Paul K. and Beatrice (Brown) Carwile.

Surviving are three sons, Edwin C. of Mount Airy, N.C., and Robert W. and Terry A., both of Hicksville; four brothers, Ron Carwile of Hicksville, Paul Carwile of Florida, Larry Tracht of Germany and Gerald Tracht of Oklahoma; three sisters, Brenda Countermon of Hicksville, Peggy Coolman of Montpelier, Ohio, and Darlene Reaker of Bremen; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Junior Tracht and Terry Tracht; and one sister, Janet Tracht.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman of Hicksville First Church of Christ will officiate. The Sherwood post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct a military service at the funeral home.

Calling is Sunday from 2-9 p.m. and Monday after 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville at a later date.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society of Defiance County.

Helena Cline

AUBURN — Helena E. Cline, 89, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Cline was a corporate officer and worked in the family business, Dilgard, Cline & Southern Funeral Home, for more than 40 years.

She graduated from the Lutheran School of Nursing in 1934 and was a member of PEO.

She was born Dec. 21, 1913, in Woodburn to Edwin and Amanda (McKinley) Keller.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Lloyd M. Cline of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Southern of Auburn; a son, Fred Cline of California; three grandchildren, Sylvia Baum of Fort Wayne, Katherine Southern of Madison, Wis., and David "Hill" Southern of Auburn; two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Daniel Baum of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Maxine Johnson and Dorothy Sylwester, both of California; and a brother, Steven Keller of Lake George.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Edwin and Albert, and a sister, Margarete Bremer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 3-5 p.m., at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

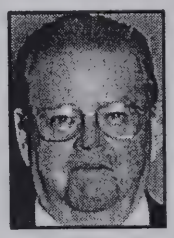
Robert Kinney

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Robert Kinney, 63, died Jan. 27, 2003, at his home Port St. Lucie, where he had resided for the past 11 years.

Mr. Kinney was a native of Coshocton, Ohio, and formerly lived in Butler and Angola.

He worked in the deli department of the Publix Town Center Shops at Jensen Beach. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the National Rifle Association.

He received his diploma from the Reppert School of Auctioneering in Auburn on Oct. 19, 2002, and was a member of the American Auctioneer Association.



Mr. Kinney

He attended the Church of the Nazarene in Stuart, Fla.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marlin Kinney of Oak Grove, Ky., Bobbie Jo and Jeff Klebe, and Beverly and Steve Sitar, of Oak Grove, Ky.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Beverly Neumann of Hilliard, Ohio, and Dorothy and William Miner of Butler; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Rodger and Sherri Kinney of Stuart, Fla., and William Kinney of Butler; and nine grandchildren.

His parents and a sister preceded him in death.

Calling was Thursday at the All County Funeral Home in Stuart, Fla.

Burial at sea will be conducted from the Navy port at Norfolk, Va.

Berniece Stone

GARRETT — Berniece H. Stone, 90, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor.

She retired from Flint & Walling in 1973 after 18 years of service. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Tucson, Ariz.

She was born July 7, 1912, in Fort Wayne, to Thomas Cloyd and Alice Victoria (Aman) Woodruff.

Surviving are a son, Michael Rodman of Kendallville; four daughters, Joann Kovets and Bette Campbell, both of LaOtto, Karen Wirick of Cosperville and Sharon Svoboda of Avilla; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

A brother, Wayne Woodruff, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements. Condolences to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Frances Lewis

LAGRANGE — Frances V. Lewis, 83, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor.

She was a homemaker and lived her entire life in LaGrange County.

She was born Aug. 4, 1919, in LaGrange County, to Martin and Ola Mae (Hart) Danielson.

Surviving are four daughters, Ruth Hoopingarner of L'Anse, Mich., Martha Knepp of Wolcottville, Linda Brown of LaGrange and Vickey Hicks of Syracuse; a son, Michael W. Lewis of Goshen; two sisters, Luella Oakley of LaGrange and Virginia Everetts of Athens, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Flora Pfleiger and Thelma Siuits, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Max Savoie

ALBION — Max L. Savoie, 75, of Albion, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at Health Center Hospital in Winter Garden, Fla.

He was a self-employed television repair man and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 246 in Albion, serving as past commander, and Resurrection Catholic Church in Winter Garden, Fla.

He was born June 29, 1927, in Albion, to Harry and Rachel (Coates) Savoie.

Surviving are a brother, Kenneth Savoie of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Dorothy Kay of Kokomo and Betty Bloom of Lapel; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Calling will be Wednesday at 4-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, with military rites by American Legion Post No. 246 of Albion.

Zachery Evans

ANGOLA — Zachery Steven Evans was stillborn Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Surviving are his parents, Steven R. and Teresa Ann (Hartman) Evans; his grandparents, Robert and Joan Evans, Hicksville, Ohio, and Sandra Hartman and Charles Hartman, both of St. Joseph, Ill.; and his great-grandparents, Robert and Margaret Van Cleave of Tuscola, Ill.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Ken Wellman of the Hicksville First Church of Christ officiating.

Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

Elva Garlets

COLUMBIA CITY — Elva M. Garlets, 96, formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had lived two years.

She worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne from 1943-1959 and also was a homemaker. She enjoyed crocheting, traveling and spending time at her cabin near Baldwin, Mich.

She was born April 5, 1906, in a log cabin in Paulding County, Ohio, to Perry Joshua and Jessie Ann (Halsey) Ellis. On Oct. 24, 1922, she married Harold H. Timmerman, and he preceded her in death in 1954. She married her second husband, Peter Garlets, on April 20, 1959, and he died in 1974. A daughter, Lavon Irene Bernardin, died July 27, 1958, and another daughter, Helen June Hefley, died Nov. 28, 2001. A sister, Mary Ellen Fry, is also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter in law, Don E. and Sally Timmerman of rural Churubusco; a daughter, Glenna N. Oakes of rural LaOtto; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery, Harlan. Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneral-home.com

Bonnie Knapp

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Bonnie Lou Knapp, 62, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at her home in Hicksville.

She worked at Hickory Creek of Hicksville as a nurse's aide for 14 years.

She was born Sept. 21, 1940, to Alfred and Francis Buchtel.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Mary Jo Myers of Hicksville, Jim and Brenda Myers of Lorena, Texas, Mark and Julie Myers of Fort Wayne and Tony and Maria Gray of Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter, Billi Jo Robinson of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a brother, Max Buchtel, and a sister, Peggy Follin, both of Florida; and a special friend, Jimmie Swallows of Hicksville.

There will be no services or calling. Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Dickey

ELKHART — Betty J. Dickey, 75, of Constantine, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at Valley View Health Care Center in Elkhart.

She had retired from Sturges Newport in 1985.

She was born Feb. 28, 1927, in Quincy, Mich., to James and Myrtle (Carpenter) Thrasher.

Surviving are a son, James Dickey of Constantine; three grandchildren, Amy Dickey of Elkhart, Mind (Dickey) Medford of Middlebury and J.D. Dickey of Tucson, Ariz.; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with calling from 10-11 a.m. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Mary Grady

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Nancy Grady, 80, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.

She was a homemaker, beautician and also a realtor with Grady Realty in Kendallville. She was a 50-year member of Noble Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as worthy matron twice; the Daughters of the Nile, Fort Wayne; the Lady Elks, Kendallville; and the Lady Eagles. She also established the Bargain Shop at the Banner Building with Nancy and Laura DeVoe through the First Christian Church. She lived in Kendallville for 68 years.

Mrs. Grady

She was born July 30, 1922, in Indianapolis, to Edwin Ralph and Ola (Stonecypher) Whelan. On July 4, 1941, in Garrett, she married Edward A. Grady Sr., and he survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Gary Sutton of League City, Texas and Patricia and Richard Wiehe of Indianapolis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ed Jr. and Dawn Grady of Kendallville and Paul Grady of Sylvan Lake; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Alma Carper, and a brother, Thomas Whelan, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Kessler of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a service by the Eastern Star at 7:45 p.m.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Memorials are to the Parkinson's Disease Association or the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

Nelda Shafer

GARRETT — Nelda N. Shafer, 78, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at 9:15 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Shafer had lived in Garrett for 51 years. She worked as a bartender at the Garrett Eagles for 15 years. She was a member of the Garrett Elks, Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was born Aug. 21, 1924, in St. Joe to George and Wilma (Magers) Kees.

She married Maurice E. Shafer on Feb. 15, 1945, in Garrett. He died April 29, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Dave Shafer of Fort Wayne and Bob Shafer of Garrett; two daughters. Linda Nance of Auburn and Mary Shafer of Garrett; a brother, Sam Kees of Hamilton; two sisters, Betty DeLucenay of Garrett and Bonnie Crabill of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Willard, Harry and Roger Kees, and a sister, Georgia Kees.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

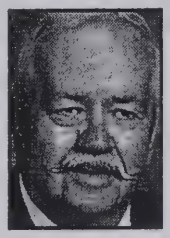
Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Thursday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Roy King

GARRETT — Roy L. King, 69, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at 3:48 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.



Mr. King

Mr. King had lived in Garrett for 47 years. He was one of the original owners of X-Y Tool & Die in LaOtto. He attended Lakewood Park Baptist Church in rural Auburn and was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He was born April 28, 1933, in Smoot, W. Va., to Lawrence and Irene (Rose) King.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Marie; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Kevin Fralick of Fort Wayne and Sheila and Denny Payton of Auburn; a son, Richard King of Garrett; a granddaughter, Lyndsay Payton of Auburn; two grandsons, Brandon Payton of Auburn and Dusty Engleman of Fort Wayne; two stepgrandchildren, Clinton and Justin Fralick of St. Joe; a great-granddaughter, Gracie Payton of Auburn; two brothers, Herbert King of Glen Daniel, W. Va., and Charles King of Three Rivers, Mich.; a sister, Pearl Schmader of Lady Lake, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Velma Burdette and Geneva Phipps.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn. Pastor Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Bonnie Lou Knapp

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Bonnie Lou Knapp, 62, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at 2 a.m. at her home.

She worked at Hickory Creek of Hicksville as a nurse's aide for 14 years.

She was born Sept. 21, 1940, to Alfred and Francis Buchtel.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Mary Joe Myers of Hicksville, Jim and Brenda Myers of Lorena, Texas, Mark and Julie Myers of Fort Wayne and Tony and Maria Gray of Edgerton, Ohio; one daughter, Billi Jo Robinson of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one brother, Max Buchtel of Florida; one sister, Peggy Follin of Florida; and a special friend, Jimmie Swallows of Hicksville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson.

There will be no calling or services.

Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

Shari Fulk

GARRETT — Shari J. Fulk, 39, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked at SCP in Auburn for 13 years.

She was born Aug. 9, 1963, in Garrett to Gene and Janet Yarian. They survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are a soul mate, Jack Gooslin; two sons, Tyler Jon Fulk and Joshua Robert Fulk, both of Garrett; one daughter, Amy Marie Yarian of Fort Wayne; one brother, David Yarian of Garrett; three sisters, Michelle Roose of Edgerton, Ohio, and Lisa Bredice and Tracie Yarian, both of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Maranda Rachelle Yarian and Alivia Denae Stahlhut.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Edith Swander

AUBURN — Edith L. Swander, 100, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Swander worked as a baker and cook for Rieke Corp. of Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1967. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 20, 1902, in LaGrange to Joseph B. and Harriett E. (Copenhaver) Haifley.

She married Frank E. Swander on March 9, 1946. He died June 18, 1961.

Surviving are one son and a daughter-in-law, Harold L. and Phyllis Keller of Hamilton; one daughter, Eloise M. "Mickey" Hughes of Beverly Hills, Fla.; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Seven brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Steve Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joe Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ida Mae Frain

AUBURN — Ida Mae Frain, 76, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, at 2:55 a.m. at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Frain worked at Renaissance Publishing Co. in Auburn for 47 years, retiring in 1994.

Mrs. Frain

She was born May 5, 1926, in Butler to John A. and Mable E. (Houlton) Fee.

She married Harvey H. Frain on Jan. 22, 1949, in Campbell County, Ky. He died Nov. 16, 1978.

Surviving are three brothers, Dale Fee of Lansing, Mich., Keith Fee of Moorpark, Calif., and Robert Fee of Waterloo; three sisters, Maxine Musser and Margaret Ford, both of Auburn, and Twyla Hutsell of Naples, Fla.; and a friend, Duane Cole of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and John Fee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Isabell LeCount

LIGONIER — Isabell (Sprague) LeCount, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, at 11:35 a.m. in her home after an extended illness.

She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 243 of Ligonier.

She was born in Ligonier on Oct. 20, 1920.

She married Herbert William LeCount on Dec. 1, 1938. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and David Etheridge of Decatur, Miss., Katherine and George Wright of Mishawaka, and Pattie and Pete Green of Cromwell; and two sons and one daughter-in-law, Larry LeCount of Ligonier and Rick and Teresa LeCount of New Paris; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Betty Chiddister of Ligonier and Janis Rarick of Cromwell; and three brothers, Frederick and Glen Sprague, both of Ligonier, and Phillip Sprague of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were two sisters, Mary Marker and Faye Lahr; and seven brothers, Donald, Morris, James, Duane, Lewis, Adrian and Frank Jr.

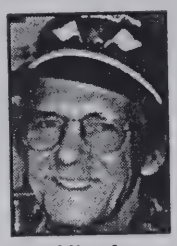
Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier, with the Rev. John Randolph of People's Bible Church of Benton officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Richard Higgins

BUTLER — Richard E. Higgins, 61, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, at 5:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Higgins was a maintenance worker.


Mr. Higgins

He was born April 14, 1941, in Readfield, Maine, to John and Ilene (Burnell) Higgins.

Surviving are a son, Randy Higgins of California; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rena and David McCallister of Butler and Melony Emond of Lewiston, Maine; two brothers, Andy Peters of Norwich, Conn., and Ervin Wing of Winthrop, Maine; four sisters, Anne Cook of Wicksham, Mich., Thelma Dunn of Mount Vernon, Maine, Iva Lund of Clinton, Maine, and Betty Welch of Voluntown, Conn.; and 10 grandchildren.

There will be no funeral service or calling. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Harriet LaRowe

EDGERTON, Ohio — Harriet A. LaRowe, 84, died early Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, in St. Joseph Medical Center at Fort Wayne, where she was a patient.

Mrs. LaRowe was a homemaker. She was a charter member and past president of Butler Eagles Aerie 2733. She also was a member of Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and a former member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She was born April 17, 1918, in DeKalb County to Clarence and Sadie (Rhoads) Keller.

She married Clyde LaRowe on Sept. 2, 1938, in Albion. He died Dec. 29, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Laurattia Thompson of Eugene, Ore., and Linda and Ned Beerbower of Butler; one son, Larry LaRowe of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Lyle, and one granddaughter, Brandi Lynn Beerbower.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Krill Funeral Home of Edgerton. Pastor D.V. Dillinger will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. in the funeral home, with a service by the Hicksville Eagles at 7 p.m.

Condolences may be e-mailed to LaRoweFamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Trent Zuehsow

LAOTTO — Trent A. Zuehsow, 19, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at 8:38 p.m. as the result of a traffic accident on S.R. 63 south of U.S. 36 in Hillsdale, near Terre Haute.

Mr. Zuehsow

He was a freshman at the University of Evansville, studying mechanical engineering. He was a member of the university's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

He was a 2002 graduate of East Noble High School, where he was a four-year East Noble honor thespian and appeared in every theater performance during his high school career. He was a three-year member of East Noble Theatre's "Raise A Ruckus" show at the Apple Festival.

He was a lifelong LaOtto resident.

He was born in Fort Wayne Jan. 2, 1984, to Paul and Suzanne M. (Ebersole) Zuehsow.

Surviving with his parents are one brother, Dalen Zuehsow of LaOtto; two sisters, Lynette Nandi and Kim A. Zuehsow, both of Arlington, Va., and his grandmother, Laura Zuehsow of Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the East Noble Theatre Department, the East Noble Show Choir or Bethany Christian Services.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Alan Edwards

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Alan W. Edwards, 32, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, in a highway accident on S.R. 8 in DeKalb County.

Mr. Edwards had been employed at Dexter Axle in Albion for the past seven years. He graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1989. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville and the Sons of the American Legion.

He was born June 8, 1970, in Fort Atkins, Wis., to Randy and Lora (Rohrs) Edwards. His parents survive in Hicksville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Leah, and a son, Reece, both at home; one brother, Scott Edwards of Hicksville; his grandparents, Wilmer and Barbara Rohrs of Hicksville and Violet Edwards of Van Wert, Ohio; and a friend, Amy Wolfe of Hicksville.

A grandfather, Clarence Edwards, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in St. John Lutheran Church. Pastor Judith Wascher will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, and Friday after 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Leah and Reece Trust Fund at Hicksville Bank.

Deloris Cutler

GARRETT — Deloris D. Cutler, 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at 12:10 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Cutler was a homemaker and had lived in Garrett 60 years.

She was born June 29, 1920, in Bluffton to Russell and Mary (Brown) Clanin.

On Sept. 10, 1943, in Garrett, she married Forrest M. "Bud" Cutler. He died Sept. 19, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Nadine Cook of Garrett; a son, Dennis Cutler of Garrett; grandchildren Brian Cook and Joe Cutler, both of Garrett, Tony Cutler of Indianapolis and Carrie Smurr and Rheannen Cutler, both of Garrett; two great-granddaughters, Danyell and Kelsi Smurr of Garrett, and a great-grandson, Brady Cook of Garrett; two brothers, Gene and Bill Clanin, both of Bluffton; and five sisters, Nancy Bailey and Lailoni Hacha, both of Bluffton, Helen Adams of Texas, Janet Pinkerton of Arkansas and Mary Wolfe of Ohio.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were one brother, Charles Clanin, and sisters Mildred Grimm and Virgie Knowles.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard A. Pickard officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

E-mail condolences to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Louise Gaff

HAMILTON — Louise Gaff, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Gaff was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, the Chatter Club and the United Methodist Women.

She was born April 16, 1916, in Noble County, to John H. and Eliza (Eichelberg) Johnson.

She married Perry O. Gaff on Feb. 27, 1931. He died Sept. 12, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Phyllis Gaff of Hamilton and John Gaff of Coldwater, Mich.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Helen Rinehart of Elkhart, Eleanor and Noel Brock of Orland, Katherine and Larry Wilson of Middlebury and Cheryl and Al Hohman of St. Joe; 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Perry Jr., in 1953.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with Pastor Eric E. Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

The Evening Star, Friday, February 14, 2003

Genevieve Wachtman

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Genevieve R. Wachtman, 83, of Defiance, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at 12:30 a.m. in the Toledo Hospital.

Mrs. Wachtman was retired from teaching at Mark Center, Oakwood, Fort Jennings and Continental schools. She served as a 4-H adviser for many years. She was a member of the Ohio Teachers Association and Ohio Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

She was born Dec. 29, 1919, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Cornelius and Blanche (Myers) Fortman.

On July 15, 1944, she married Lauren Wachtman. He preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and John Jackson of Auburn; two sons, David Wachtman of Xenia, Ohio, and Lauren Wachtman Jr., of Lima, Ohio; two brothers, Cornelius Fortman of Lancaster, Calif., and George Fortman of Defiance; seven sisters, Joyce Beam and Hazel Snyder, both of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Dorothy Donaldson of Continental, Ohio, Nancy Alt of Ottawa, Ohio, Frances Remington of St. Charles, Mo., Agnes Fjelsted of Lancaster, Calif., and Peggy Feleciano of Anaheim, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, two brothers and a grandson, James C. Jackson.

There will be no funeral or calling. Arrangements are behind handled by Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance.

Memorials are to Morning Meditations of St. John Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ruth Brendel

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth B. Brendel, 89, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at 11:45 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She had been a patient there since Monday.

Mrs. Brendel

Mrs. Brendel had lived in rural Spencerville. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1931. She and her husband ran a strawberry farming operation in rural Allen County. She was a bus driver for the Arcola School for several years and was the Lake Township assessor. She also lived in Auburn and Harlan. She enjoyed camping, fishing and crafts.

She was born April 16, 1913, in Harlan to Edward and Myrtle (Sproat) Federspiel.

She married Arthur T. Brendel on April 5, 1947, in Lake Township of Allen County. He died Aug. 4, 1979.

Surviving are three sisters, Edythe Eager of Harlan, Ellen Dean of Rockford, Ill., and Doris Garber of Fresno, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Earl and Bert Federspiel; and two sisters, Marcella Young and Opal Buchanan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home at Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of the Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Donald Thompson

HUDSON — Donald G. Thompson, 65, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in Lecanto, Fla.

He was a 1958 graduate of Garrett High School and was in the Marine Corps for three years.

He was retired from International Harvester after 38 years.

He was born in Garrett Oct. 17, 1937, to Robert and Gert (Sucher) Thompson.

He married Deb Hexamer on July 8, 1988.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Robert Thompson of Ashley; two daughters, Diane Collins of Harlan and Chris Coleman of Auburn; one stepson, Dane Trease of Biloxi, Miss.; two stepdaughters, Lisa Trease of Ashley and Ellen Mapes of Hudson; eight grandchildren; and five stepgrandchildren.

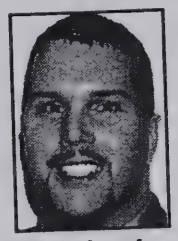
Funeral services will be held at a later date at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Stephen LaLonde

AUBURN — Stephen M. LaLonde, 32, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Traverse City, Mich., he was the administrator at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler. He also was a member of the Rotary Club and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler.



Mr. LaLonde

Surviving are his wife, Michelle, and their two sons, Stephen Michael II and Lucas John, all of Auburn; a son, Kevyn Ryan of Kingsford, Mich.; his parents, Ron and Karen LaLonde of Quinnesec, Mich.; a sister, Melissa LaLonde of Appleton, Wis.; a brother, Matt LaLonde of Quinnesec, Mich.; and a grandmother, Catherine LaLonde of Iron Mountain, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Floyd and Louise Dishaw of Kingsford, Mich.

Services will begin at 8 p.m. Monday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Breitung Township Cemetery of Quinnesec, Mich.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cynthia Ann Smith

ANGOLA — Cynthia Ann Smith, 55, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She had owned and operated the Canteena in Garrett for the past 10 years. She also worked for Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. in Auburn for more than 30 years.

Miss Smith

She was born Dec. 25, 1947, in Garrett to Thomas O. and Lucile (Clouse) Hassett.

Surviving are one daughter, Julia Ann Vogel of Garrett; one son, Rodney Gene Geeting of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Sandy Hassett of Fremont; one stepson, Jimmy Smith of Tennessee; three stepdaughters, Joan North of Ohio, Jean Ann Smith of Minnesota and Judie McNally of Ohio; one grandchild, Morgan Ann Vogel; seven stepgrandchildren; one nephew, Jason Hassett; one stepnephew, Jeff Zigler; and one niece, Nicole Hassett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Burris will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

The Evening Star, Saturday, February 15, 2003

Pearl McMurray

FREMONT — Pearl Geraldine McMurray, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She has served as Clear Lake Township trustee since 1983.

Mrs. McMurray

She was raised in Auburn, but lived most of her life in Fremont. She graduated from Metz High School and from Professor DeSilva School of Music and later from the University of Chicago.

She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She taught scores of music students during over 70 years of private lessons, and was also a church organist, playing the last several decades at St. Paul Chapel of Clear Lake.

She was born in Auburn July 1, 1915, to Joe and Lucy (Neal) Farver. They preceded her in death.

She married Elder Wilford D. McMurray, and they were married 47 years before his death on June 28, 1983.

Surviving are one son, David Lee McMurray of Fremont; one daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn Ann and Larry Stephenson of Detroit, Mich.; and one sister, Fernflorid Gross of Baltimore, Md.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church in Clear Lake, with Father Philip Schneider officiating.

Burial will be at Teeters Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake.

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Paul Kuehn

FORT WAYNE — Paul C. Kuehn Jr., 72, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, at 9 p.m. in Byron Health Care Center.

Mr. Kuehn worked in various automotive sales jobs and as a driver.

He was a disabled veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the Marine Corps, and a volunteer at the Veterans Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 31, 1930, in Fraser, Mich., to Paul C. Kuehn Sr. and Dorothy (Rossow) Kuehn.

Surviving are a daughter, M. Lynda Orr of Fort Wayne; a son, Michael P. Kuehn of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy and Margaret; and a granddaughter, Heidi Orr.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

William Pope

FREMONT — William Dale "Bill" Pope, 67, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, at Bonita Springs, Fla.

He was a former resident of Fremont.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Vernon Lambright

SHIPSHEWANA — Vernon O. Lambright, 78, of rural Shipshewana, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at 4:45 a.m. in his home. He had been in declining health.

Mr. Lambright was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County, where he was a farmer for most of his life. He later worked at Jayco Inc. in Middlebury, from 1982 until 1994. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born June 5, 1924, in LaGrange County to Jerry F. and Susie (Miller) Lambright.

On Jan. 25, 1945, in Shipshewana, he married Anna D. Graber. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ernest and Lorene Lambright and Orvan and Irma Jean Lambright, all of Shipshewana; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma and Roman Hochstetler of Shipshewana and Ida Mae and Melvin Schlabach of LaGrange; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Chris and Anna Mae Lambright and Sam and Anna Lambright, all of Shipshewana, and eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Perry Lambright, and one grandson, Daryle Lambright.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Perry Bontrager Jr. residence, 2260 N. 1000W, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Lonnie Yoder, the Rev. Levi L. Yoder and the Rev. Freeman Miller officiating. Burial will be in the Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is all day today at the family residence.

The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Ricketts

BUTLER — Howard W. Ricketts, 79, of Butler, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at 6 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Ricketts was a retired farmer and had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the Hoosier Warbirds and American Legion Post 202.

He was born Nov. 3, 1923, in Newville to Milton Jay and Bertha (Platter) Ricketts.

On May 22, 1949, in Butler he married Violet O. Saylor. She preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Frank Strong of Fremont; and a granddaughter, Stephanie Strong, Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James, and two sisters, Helen Jordan and Lois Ricketts.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Diane Wisnieski

OAKTON, Va. — Diane Marie Wisnieski, 49, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.

She was born in Garrett. She graduated from Central Noble High School in 1971 and was a graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Jon, and two children, James and Laura; her parents, Richard and Donna Buchmeier of Kendallville; her grandmother, Ruth Shirk of Avilla, four brothers and numerous other family members.

Services were Thursday at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Vienna, Va.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

Money and King Funeral Home of Vienna, Va., was in charge of arrangements.

Valeria Buchanan

COLUMBIA CITY — Valeria V. Buchanan, 81, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, at 2:45 p.m. at The Oaks Living Center, where she was admitted Feb. 3.

She was born Aug. 31, 1921, in Appleton, Minn., to Ignatius "Joe" and Edna (Konieczy) Bonk.

She married Donald L. "Buck" Buchanan June 19, 1943. They lived in Montevideo, Minn., before moving to Birmingham, Mich., and later to Fort Wayne.

In 1963 they moved to Columbia City, where Mrs. Buchanan served on the board of review for the Whitley County assessor, was co-owner of the former Buchanan Ford Inc., and secretary/treasurer of Buchanan Automotive.

She was instrumental in the establishment and maintenance of the Butterfly Garden at Merry Lea Environmental Center, planting and maintaining the flower beds at the Whitley County Courthouse and decorating Christmas trees at the courthouse and Parkview Whitley Hospital.

She was a member of the St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church where she served as eucharistic minister and a team member of Christ Renews.

She also was a member of the Tri Lakes Garden Club, Whitley County Art Guild, Coterie and a past member of the Columbia City Tree Board. An avid golfer, she was a member of the Crooked Lake Golf League and the local bowling league. She was well-known for her baking, gardening, floral arranging, and oil and watercolor paintings.

She is survived by her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Jean Buchanan and John and Bethann Buchanan, all of Columbia City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and John Woenker of Angola, Barbara and James Geiger of Columbia City and Deb and Daniel Balyeat of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother, David Bonk of Appleton, Minn.; and seven sisters, Helen Johnson of Ortonville, Minn., Louise Schlueter of Holloway, Minn., Margaret Wederath of New Hope, Minn., Marie Zalusky of Crown Point, Janette Rheingans and Katie Mahoney, both of Appleton, Minn., and Joan Wederath of Fruita, Colo.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson; two brothers, Frank Bonk and Albert Bonk; and two sisters, Dorothy McConnel Cragg and Marian Bonk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, with Father Dale Bauman as celebrant. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Columbia City.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Kyle Balyeat Memorial Athletic Fund.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about survivors.

Howard Ricketts

BUTLER — Howard W. Ricketts, 79, of Butler, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at 6 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Ricketts was a retired farmer and had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Hoosier Warbirds and American Legion Post 202.

He was born Nov. 3, 1923, in Newville to Milton Jay and Bertha (Platter) Ricketts.

On May 22, 1949, in Butler he married Violet O. Saylor. She preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Frank Strong of Fremont; a granddaughter, Stephanie Strong of Fort Wayne; and a special friend, Deloris Inlow of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James, and two sisters, Helen Jordan and Lois Ricketts.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

The Rev. Roger Shively

HOMOSASSA, Fla. — The Rev. Roger F. Shively, 88, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, at Lecanto, Fla.

He was the former pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, where he became pastor in 1974. He previously served as pastor of the Seminole Heights United Methodist Church of Tampa, Fla. He became an ordained United Methodist minister in 1958.

The Rev. Shively was born April 25, 1914, in Denver, Ind. He was the former president and owner of Cecil Business College, with locations in Spartanburg, S.C., Greenville, S.C., and Asheville, N.C.

He was one of the founders of the Citrus United Basket, an honorary life member of the Homosassa Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Stage Stand Cemetery Association, a past president and honorary member of the Homosassa Civic Association, a past president of the Minister Association, a charter president and past member of the Crystal River Rotary Club, a charter member of the Homosassa Rotary Club and a member of Springs Masonic Lodge 378 of Homosassa Springs.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sara L., and a son, Philip Bruckart.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita Ann and Charles Collins of Auburn and Mari Etta and Paul Zook of Tampa, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa.

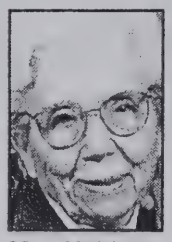
Calling is tonight from 6-8 at Wilder Funeral Home, 4890 Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa Springs, Fla., with a Masonic service at 7.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, Hospice of Citrus County or Cirtus United Basket.

Mamie Held

GARRETT — Mamie I. Held, 100, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at 4:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mrs. Held served as a secretary at the Falstaff/Bergoff Brewery in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1970. She lived in Garrett for 90 years and was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.


Mrs. Held

She was born March 2, 1902, in Defiance, Ohio, to William E. and Maria (Hetzler) Rahmer.

She married Michael Held on Feb. 13, 1952, in Garrett. He died Sept. 5, 2001.

Surviving are three nephews, Robert Foulk of Wolcottville, Steven Fuller of Leo and Daniel Fuller of Lisle, Ill.; and three nieces, Shirley Fleming of Bloomington, Diane Held of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Marilyn MacLaren of Clinton Township, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Rahmer, and two sisters, Nellie Foulk and Minnie Fuller.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Dorothy Cutter

AUBURN — Dorothy E. Cutter, 93, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Cutter worked at the Wolf & Dessauer and L.S. Ayres department stores in Fort Wayne for 15 years. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Cutter

She was born Aug. 30, 1909, in Union Township of DeKalb County.

She married J. Franklin Cutter on July 16, 1929, in Zion Lutheran Church at Garrett. He died Feb. 1, 1974.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jim Berhnart of Fort Wayne; a son, John E. Cutter of Mishawaka; two sisters, Irene Odenkirk of Auburn and Gladys Klaushing of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jama Begovich of Indianapolis, Jill Myers of Kokomo and Jay Cutter of Chicago; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Delbert Dannenburg, and one sister, Hilda Funk.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid and Worship for Shut-ins.

Mark Krauskopf

KENDALLVILLE — Mark Krauskopf, 35, of Onekama, Mich., and formerly of the Kendallville area, died suddenly Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, in Manistee, Mich.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in New Buffalo, Mich., where he lived before moving to Onekama in 1999. He was a registered architect and owner of Studio One Architects in Manistee. He was also a member of the Manistee Sunrise Rotary Club and the American Institute of Architects. He enjoyed bicycling, kayaking, hiking and spending time with his family.

He was born in Fort Wayne May 19, 1967, to Dale and Nancy (Humbarger) Krauskopf.

He married Tamara Hovarter on Sept. 14, 1991, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Dale and Lynette Krauskopf of Auburn; his mother, Nancy Krauskopf of Fort Wayne; two sons, Owen Michael Jacob Krauskopf and Alexander Nicholas Krauskopf, both of Onekama; a paternal grandmother, Betty Krauskopf of Fort Wayne; a maternal grandmother, Berniece Humbarger of Sebring, Fla.; stepgrandparents, Glen and Evelyn Weible of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Curtis and Ronda Krauskopf of Orlando, Fla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Michigan Legacy Art Park in Thompsonville, Mich.

Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being republished to correct information provided to the newspaper.

Charlotte Fee

ANGOLA — Charlotte G. Fee, 78, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mrs. Fee

Mrs. Fee graduated as a registered nurse from Harper Hospital in Dearborn, Mich., in 1945. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and a past president.

She was an active member of the Angola United Methodist Church and belonged to the Joyce Elliott Church Circle. She was a member of the Steuben County Republican Women and an early member of the Parkinson's and Alzheimer's support groups. She served on the Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Board of Directors, was active in the Steuben County Council on Aging, and was a former resident of Cameron Woods Assisted Living Community in Angola.

She was born Feb. 28, 1924, in Auburn, to Carl and Alice (Radabaugh) Grill.

She married William B. Fee in 1945. He died in 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Allan Fee of Louisville, Ky., and William Calvin Fee of Angola; two daughters, Cheralyn Jean Shumaker of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Susan Elizabeth Zimmer of Angola; three brothers, Herschal Grill of Reno, Nev., Arden Grill of Fort Wayne and Gerald Grill of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Gretchen Fee of Hamilton and Ann Fee London of Chicago; nine grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John Grill.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hamilton Cemetery, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Celebration of life services will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Angola United Methodist Church.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the coffee house ministry of Angola United Methodist Church.

William Rudig

SYRACUSE — William D. "Bill" Rudig, 59, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at 6:20 a.m. in Lombard, Ill.

Mr. Rudig moved to Syracuse in 1990. He was a service account manager for Carrier Corp. and a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and the Plumber and Pipefitters Local 166.

He was a member of the Logansport High School Class of 1961 and attended Manchester College from 1961-66. He graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, in 1987.

He was born June 2, 1943, in Wabash to Karl and Marjorie (Wilkerson) Rudig. His mother survives in Logansport.

On Aug. 13, 1966, he married Ann Warner. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Rudig of Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Jeff Steinbarge of Austin, Texas; a granddaughter, Logan of Austin; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Jim Burgess of Arlington, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Calvary United Methodist Church of Syracuse, with Pastor Steven Kaehr officiating. Burial will be in Ulrey Cemetery at Silver Lake.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m., at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Memorials are to Community Nursing Service Home Health-Illinois.

Betty Stegelman

AUBURN — Betty Stegelman, 59, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, at Wesley Health Care.

Mrs. Stegelman worked for the Auburn Street Department for 11 years and was a member of the Auburn Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was born Sept. 11, 1943, in Berwick, Pa., to Frank and Clara Keene.

Her first husband was Ollie Gray.

On April 6, 2002, she married Karl Stegelman. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ollie Wirick of Muncie; two daughters, Kimberly Ladig of Fort Wayne and Lisa Gray; a brother, Frank Keene of Berwick; a sister, Shirley Plock of Orangeville, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Her parents and a sister, Judy Youlls, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jim Charles officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

John Austin Dixon

ELKHART — John Austin Dixon, 100, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at 8 p.m. in AmeriCare Living Center.

Mr. Dixon retired in 1969 from the New York Central Railroad as a locomotive engineer. During his 50-year career, he also worked as a locomotive fireman. He was a member of the First Church of God in Elkhart. He moved to the city in 1918.

He was born April 23, 1902, in Rochester to John A. Dixon Sr. and Wilhelmina (Sartor) Dixon. He never married.

Surviving are a nephew, Lloyd E. Dixon of Auburn; a niece, Luanna Butler of Missoula, Mont., and four great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Josephine Swihart, and four brothers, Charlie, Joseph, Thomas and Henry Dixon.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart. There will be no calling.

A funeral procession will form at 12:30 p.m. at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home & Crematory, 700 E. Jackson St.

Memorials are to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County or the American Cancer Society.

Ethel Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel Fritz, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Willis Teague

LAGRANGE — Willis G. (Bill) Teague, 68, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, in LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Teague worked in maintenance for Keidaish Vending Co. of Ligonier. He came to LaGrange 16 years ago from Wausau, Wis. He was a member of Moose Lodge No. 1576 in Wausau, Wis., and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born April 20, 1934, to Isaac Marion Teague Sr. and Edith Irene Ballow.

He married Betty (Dean) Chester on Dec. 21, 1994 in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are four step-children, Judith Bratz of Oshkosh, Wisc., Leland Sparks of Reading, Penn, Thomas Sparks of Yarmouth, Maine, and Dallas Sparks of Oshkosh, Wis.; three sisters, Brenda Lindsey and Verna Mae Mullins of Newport, Ark., and Linda Malone of Proctor, Ark.; two brothers, Jim Teague of Little Rock, Ark., and Isaac (Buddy) Teague Jr. of Grubbs, Ark.; and six grandchildren.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home on S.R. 9 in LaGrange. The Rev. Thomas Bratz will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Woodruff Cemetery. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Isaac Lung

GARRETT — Isaac Joseph Lung was stillborn Friday, Feb. 22, 2003, at Parkview hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the child of Brian Scott and Cynthia Kay (Terry) Lung. They survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are one brother, Evan Michael Lung of Garrett; four grandparents, Larry and Jodi Lung and Roger and Sandy Terry, all from Garrett; four great-grandparents, Laurence and Sarah Lung of Bonita Springs, Fla., Irene Terry of Garrett, and Paul Beuchel of Carmel; four uncles, Mark Lung of Rockford, Ill., Larry Lung Jr., Tony Lung and Brent Terry, all from Garrett; three aunts, Valerie and Mindy Lung of Garrett and Sarah Lung of Avilla; and several cousins.

Services are Monday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo. The Rev. John Stuck will officiate.

Calling is noon-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials to the Waterloo Police reserve.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

The Evening Star, Monday, February 24, 2003

Ethel Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel L. Fritz, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Fritz was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and the Second Time Around Club. She was also a member of the Noble Chain Links Camping Club, the Ladies Aid at Center Chapel Church and a volunteer for the Northeastern Center in Kendallville. She had worked at Dick's Flower Shop and retired as a sales clerk for G.C. Murphy, both in Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 22, 1917, near Cosperville to Harry and Hazel (Frazie) Bailey.

She married August Carl Fritz on Nov. 29, 1934, in Kendallville. He died July 11, 1999.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Wendell and Marcia Fritz of Kendallville, Carroll and Joyce Fritz of Goshen, John and Doris Fritz of Redmond, Wash., and James and Betty Fritz of Elkhart; one daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Gary Dennis of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Harold Bailey of Kendallville and Donald and Oneita Bailey of Lakeland, Fla.; 19 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Harry Wetzel of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Anna Bailey of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death were a sister-in-law, Bernadine Wetzel; and a brother-in-law, Kenneth Bailey.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. Condolences may be e-mailed to hitefuneralhome.com.

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Edgar Edwards

AUBURN — Edgar C. Edwards, 74, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at 2:30 a.m. at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Edwards owned and operated General Sign Co. in Auburn for 22 years before retiring. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Nov. 15, 1928, in Wolfe County, Ky., to Edgar Cleveland Edwards and Bertha (Orsborne) Edwards.

On Dec. 16, 1967, in Convoy, Ohio, he married Ardeth Coleen Sheets. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Tim Sexton of Kendallville and Linda and Zach Rhodes of Avilla; a stepson and his wife, Rick and Sandy Mansfield of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Edna Mae Smith and Marcella Kelly, both of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren, Cody, Jeremy, Dharma and Jason Rhodes; a stepgranddaughter; and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, General, Vernon, Alfred and Steve Edwards; and three sisters, Marie Andrasik, Geneiva Dill and Dorothy Hodges.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Barry Jorris officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wanda Hoskins

HAMILTON, Ohio — Wanda L. Hoskins, 57, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at 12:15 p.m. at her home in Hamilton, Ohio.

She was a former school bus driver for the Fort Wayne Lutheran Schools system. She also worked as a housekeeper for Mercy Franciscan at Schroder for the past 10 years. She was a member of Glory Road Baptist Church in New Miami. She enjoyed gardening and being with her grandchildren.

She was born Jan. 15, 1946, in Hyden, Ky., to Homer and Myrtle (Collins) Smith. They survive in Hamilton, Ohio.

She married Kenneth Smith on April 13, 1963, in Clay County, Ky. They were married 25 years. Her former husband survives.

She married Fred Hoskins Nov. 5, 1993, in Jellico, Tenn. He died Dec. 6, 1999.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth Jr. and Jana Smith of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Matt Overbay of Garrett; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Pat Smith, Curt and Gail Smith and Paul and Kim Smith, all of Oxford, Ohio; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mae and Mike Enyart of Van Wert, Ohio, Mable and Denver Smith of Fort Wayne and Char Smith of Hamilton, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Tyler, Breanne and Brooklyn Smith, and Kayla and Ashley Overbay.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Jerry and C.T. Smith; and a nephew, Todd Enyart.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Brown-Dawson Funeral Home on Millville Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio. Pastor Mike Worrell of Glory Road Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Millville Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Wednesday, February 26, 2003

LaVera Walters

ASHLEY — LaVera M. Walters, 66, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003 at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

She had lived in Ashley for the past 20 years. She formerly worked at Klink Trucking, Commercial Love Lace Trucking Co., K-mart Distribution and the Auburn Gas Co. She was a member of Calvary Temple of Fort Wayne, where she was secretary. She also taught Sunday school at Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 18, 1936, in Auburn to Harold and Vera (Fisher) Walters.

Surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Barbara Wurm of Fort Wayne, Tom and Ginny Simons of Pleasant Lake and Jim and Janet Foreman of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Patty Walters of Ware Shoals, S.C.; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Though she never had any children of her own, she loved her nieces and nephews as her own and loved all children she met.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Keith D. Walters.

Private services will be led by her niece, Jill Simons-Willman. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials are to camp scholarships for grades one through five at Oak Hill at the Crossroads.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

E-mail condolences to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Jane Hart

FORT WAYNE — Jane A. Hart, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Hart retired in 1980 after 20 years as a department manager at Montgomery Ward.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Irvin M. Hart Sr., died in 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Irvin M. Hart Jr. of Auburn and Douglas F. Hart of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Deborah J. Hayes of Albion; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church.

Violet Double

AUBURN — Violet Double, 92, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, at 5:15 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home. Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

Kay Smart

HUNTINGTON — Kay Ann Smart, 66, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smart was retired from the clerk's office at the Huntington County Courthouse. She had also worked 10 years at Juergen's Do-It Center, Marsh Grocery and Sealtest, all in Huntington.

She was born in Huntington.

Surviving are her husband, Robert D. Smart; two sons, Steve L. Smart of Hudson and Monty J. Smart of Huntington; two daughters, Sherry Cotton and Debra S. Smart Ellenberger, both of Huntington; a brother, Mark Cozad of Huntington; a sister, Lisa Berry of Andrews; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Erin's House in care of the mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

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She was born Aug. 18, 1936, in Auburn to Harold and Vera (Fisher) Walters.

Surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Barbara Wurm of Fort Wayne, Tom and Ginnie Simons of Pleasant Lake and Jim and Janet Foreman of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Patty Walters of Ware Shoals, S.C.; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Though she never had any children of her own, she loved her nieces and nephews as her own and loved all children she met.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Keith D. Walters.

Private services will be led by her niece, Jill Simons-Willman. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials are to camp scholarships for grades one through five at Oak Hill at the Crossroads.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

E-mail condolences to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Violet Double

AUBURN — Violet V. Double, 92, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Double was born in Auburn. She worked at Fort Wayne Tailoring for 23 years, retiring in 1961.

She was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by a sister, Gladys M. Nahrwold of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Double, in 2002, and two brothers, Phillip E. and Lester Davis.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor David Schleh officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Auburn Alliance Church.

Betty Lee Poling

AUBURN — Betty Lee Poling, 71, of Auburn, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mrs. Poling was a licensed practical nurse, working in nursing homes and providing in-home care. She was a member of Third Street Church of God in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 25, 1931, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Marsha Ells of Auburn; two sons, Peter LeRoy Poling of Auburn and Kenneth D. Poling of Powell; and a sister, Edna M. Heck of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Dale Poling, in 1968, a daughter, Glenda Kay, in 1995, a sister, Rosemary Davis, and a brother, Robert Sweet.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Third Street Church of God in Fort Wayne, with Pastor Thruman Smith officiating.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie Wallace

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie A. Wallace, 67, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at 1:45 a.m. in Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Mrs. Wallace retired from the Covington Box Co. in Waterloo in 1997 after 12 years of service. She was a former member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. She enjoyed sports and was an avid NASCAR fan. She also enjoyed gardening and was known as "The Bean Lady" at the Farmers' Market in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 1, 1936, in Ashley to Hugh and Ova (Boone) Reecer.

On Jan. 24, 1981, in Helmer, she married Jack D. Wallace. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kelly Smith of Kendallville, Monty Smith of Columbia City and Tim Smith of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Diana Smith of Rome City and Cindy Martin of Kendallville; four stepdaughters, Jana Hill of Knox, and Jackie Haverstock, Kathy Wallace and Ann West, all of Butler; two brothers, Harold Reecer of Florida and James Reecer of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Edith Getts of Ashley, Evelyn Kaiser of Florida and Jean Albaugh of Fort Wayne; 30 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, LeeAnn and Lynette Wallace; a granddaughter, Michelle, and a sister, Opal.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Saturday, March 1, 2003
NO LOCAL DEATHS

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Sandra Spillner

BIG LONG LAKE — Sandra Jo Spillner, 68, died at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at home.

Before retirement in 1991, Mrs. Spillner worked at Duro-Therm in LaGrange. She was a member of VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary 86, Eagles FOE Auxiliary 985 and Women of the Moose in Kendallville.

Mrs. Spillner

She was born Aug. 9, 1934, to G. Arthur and Molly Irene E. (Williams) Drerup in Auburn. She married Robert H. Spillner on May 22, 1981, in Stroh. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Spillner of Hamilton and Robert Spillner of Kendallville; two daughters, Linda Allen of Big Long Lake and Kay Campbell of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Latonia Ziegert of Vicksburg, Miss.; two stepsons, Tommie Spillner of Perry, Mich., and Jack Drerup of Union City, Mich.; a brother, David Drerup of Montpelier, Ohio, and a sister, Margaret Ann Henderson of Waterloo; 12 grandchildren; 8 stepgrandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Merridith Kay Wilson, in 1974.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Bearman of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla will officiate. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Marjorie Wallace

ASHLEY — Marjorie A. Wallace, 67, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Before retiring in 1997, Mrs. Wallace worked at the Covington Box Company for 12 years. She was a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was interested in sports, gardening and NASCAR. She was known as the "bean lady" at the Farmer's Market in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 1, 1936, in Ashley to Hugh and Ova (Boone) Reecer. She married Jack P. Wallace on Jan. 24, 1981, in Helmer. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kelly Smith of Kendallville, Monty Smith of Columbia City and Tim Smith of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Diana Smith of Rome City and Cindy Martin of Kendallville; four stepdaughters, Jana Hill of Knox, and Kathy Wallace, Ann West and Jackie Haverstock, all of Butler; two brothers, Harold Reecer of Florida and James Reecer of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Edith Getts of Ashley, Evelyn Kaiser of Florida and Jean Albaugh of Fort Wayne; 30 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, Leeann Wallace and Lynette Wallace; a granddaughter, Michelle; and a sister, Opal.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to Corunna Fire Department.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jane Williams

AUBURN — E. Jane Williams, 66, died on Friday, Feb. 28, 2003.

Mrs. Williams was employed at Eckhart Public Library in Auburn for the past 12 years. She formerly worked as a librarian at Jersey Shore Public Library in Pennsylvania and as a public school teacher specializing in English, grammar and speech. She was a member of numerous church choirs, the DeKalb Oratorio Society, the Huguenot Society of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution and First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She was a poet, author and genealogist.

Mrs. Williams

She was born March 8, 1936, to Albert Paul and Gertrude (Campbell) McIntire in East Rainelle, W.Va. In 1954, she graduated from Rainelle High School. From 1954 to 1958, she attended Anderson University in Indiana. In 1962, she graduated from Marshall University in West Virginia with a bachelor's degree in English. She married the Rev. O. Dale Williams 38 years ago. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Anthony Sean Williams of LaPorte and Christopher Jon and Kimberly Williams of Anderson; two sisters, Patricia Clemons of Excello, Mo., and Wanda Arthur of Houston; and three grandchildren, Natalie Williams, Emma Williams and Alexander Mendoza.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Auburn. The Revs. William Kaster, Paul Burris and Don Dennison will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo and 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library or First United Methodist Church.

The Evening Star, Sunday, March 2, 2003

Helen Shutt

AUBURN — Helen Shutt, 86, died at 10:40 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2003, in Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Shutt was a homemaker and a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and Auburn Eastern Star 103.

She was born Feb. 3, 1917, to Paul and Bessie (Boren) Freeman in Allen County. She married Donald Shutt on Dec. 31, 1939, in the Methodist Parsonage. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 2002.

Mrs. Shutt

Also preceding her in death are a son, Gary Lynn Shutt; a grandson, Brian Bowling; two brothers, Otho and Bob Freeman; and two sisters, Louis Nieuwlandt and Phyllis Conner.

Surviving are two sons, Larry D. Shutt and Kenneth L. Shutt, both of Auburn; a daughter, Janis Marie Bowling of Auburn; a brother, Jack Freeman of Pine Island, Fla.; two sisters, Laura Rosebury of Butler and Betty Lemper of North Carolina; six grandchildren, Todd Shutt, Troy Shutt, Jason Shutt, Billy Shutt, Ryan Shutt, and Marcus Bowling; seven great-grandchildren, Zachary Shutt, Devon Shutt, Nicholas Shutt, Macey Shutt, Madison Shutt, Maxim Rault and Reagan Bowling; and two step-great-grandchildren, Tiffany Tellez and Justin Tellez.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev.

John Turner

AUBURN — John Elliott Turner, 71, died at 11:35 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2003, at home.

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Turner was a teacher for 37 years. He taught at Akron High School in Akron, Ohio, DeKalb Central Middle School and DeKalb Central High School. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, a member of Waterloo United Methodist Church and a former member of the Waterloo Lions Club.

Mr. Turner

He was born July 4, 1931, to John Henry and Anna B. (Jarrell) Turner in Muncie. He married Sharon Junkin on Aug. 18, 1961, in Peru. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John H. and Terri Turner and David J. and Mai Turner, all of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Carter Feller of Auburn; four brothers, Joseph Turner of Yorktown, James Turner and David Turner, both of Muncie, and Robert Turner of Brookville, Ohio; two sisters, Martha Lutz of Spring Port and Lois Wheeler of Zionsville; and five grandchildren, Gregory Allen Feller, Kyle Edward Feller, Meredith Ellen Turner, John Elliott Turner and Evan David Turner.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Henrietta Seidner.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with a graveside service by the Auburn American Legion.

Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Waterloo United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Phyllis Raper

WAWAKA — Phyllis P. Raper, 77, died at 6 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2003, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Before retirement, Mrs. Raper worked at Tokheim in Albion. She was a member of American Legion 351 Auxiliary in Rome City and Eagles FOE Auxiliary 985 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Raper

She was born Jan. 22, 1926, to Jonas and Anna Edith (Lieth) Brown in Green Township, Noble County. She married Roland J. Raper on Dec. 23, 1985, in Brimfield. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Pam Miller of Rome City and Michael and Laurie Miller of LaGrange; two daughters, Judith Moore of South Bend and Nancy Hoff of Waterloo; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Waneta Cook of Rome City.

Services will be 3 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Chaplain Mark Klinepeter will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be noon to 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with American Legion Auxiliary services at noon.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Donna King

BUTLER — Donna King, 79, died on Saturday, March 1, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. King was a homemaker and former owner and operator of Donna's Beauty Salon. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

Mrs. King

She was born Feb. 2, 1924, to Roscoe and Esther (Huntington) Freeman in DeKalb County. She married Ralph Pfefferkorn on Feb. 22, 1944. He preceded her in death in June 1960. She then married Charles "Tom" Aldrich in June 1964. He preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 1992. She then married Loren King on April 29, 2000, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Paul and Dalene Pfefferkorn of Hamilton, David Pfefferkorn of Montana, Keith and Beth Aldrich of Waterloo, and Thomas and Maribeth Aldrich of Hicksville, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Daniel Walker of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Alice Pfefferkorn of Waterloo; six stepchildren and their spouses, Deloss Aldrich of Montana, Duane Aldrich of Howe, Lowell and Yvonne King of Waterloo, Wayne and Debbie King of Butler, Darrell and Tina King of Angola, and Cheryl and Bill Click of Auburn; two brothers, Dale Freeman of Auburn and Robert Freeman of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Richard Pfefferkorn, Lawrence Pfefferkorn and Charles Ray Aldrich; and a sister, Ila Jean Frey.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Charles Herman and the Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Church cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church and 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Richard Smith

ANGOLA — Richard Smith, 87, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

Before retiring in 1978, Mr. Smith worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He also farmed his own land for 20 years and worked for Tri State Tool Co. for 17 years. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, the Angola Moose Lodge and AARP.

He was born April 27, 1915, to Frank and Cora D. (Wolf) Smith in Bristol. He married Alice Cleckner on Dec. 4, 1936. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Phillip Richard Smith of Pahrume, Nev.; a daughter, Judy K. Eaton of Angola; a sister, Clara Belle Rensberger of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Sandra Apodaca, Suzie McConhay and Jodi Gardner; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and seven brothers.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Pastors Jim Hulbert and James Minear will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben Township.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Scott Christian Church.

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Judith Moore

KENDALLVILLE — Judith L. (Steele) Moore, 59, died Saturday, March 1, 2003, at her home.

She was born Aug. 24, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

Her second husband, Billy Moore, survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Donald Steele of Spencerville and Lance Steele of Richmond; a brother, Lanny Maloney of Baltimore; her father, George Maloney of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren.

Her first husband, Raymond E. Steele, died in 1984.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Noble County Hospice.

Giles Ogg

HUDSON — Giles W. Ogg, 81, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, March 1, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ogg was a self-employed plumber and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was born in Decatur.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; two sons, Jerry Ogg of Fort Wayne and John Ogg of Albion; two daughters, Cindy Todaron and Jennifer Barkey, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lucille Stauffer of Fremont.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, with military rites by the U.S. Army.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

John Turner

AUBURN — John Elliott Turner, 71, died at 11:35 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2003, at home.

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Turner was a teacher for 37 years. He taught at Akron High School in Akron, Ind., DeKalb Middle School and DeKalb High School. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, a member of Waterloo United Methodist Church and a former member of the Waterloo Lions Club.

Mr. Turner

He was born July 4, 1931, to John Henry and Anna B. (Jarrell) Turner in Muncie. He married Sharon Junkin on Aug. 18, 1961, in Peru. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John H. and Terri Turner and David J. and Mai Turner, all of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Carter Feller of Auburn; four brothers, Joseph Turner of Yorktown, James Turner and David Turner, both of Muncie, and Robert Turner of Brookville, Ohio; two sisters, Martha Lutz of Spring Port and Lois Wheeler of Zionsville; and five grandchildren, Gregory Allen Feller, Kyle Edward Feller, Meredith Ellen Turner, John Elliott Turner and Evan David Turner.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Henrietta Seidner.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with a graveside service by the Auburn American Legion.

Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Waterloo United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Sherran Fenker

CHURUBUSCO — Sherran K. Fenker, 60, died at 9:18 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2003, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs, Fenker was a cafeteria worker at Smith-Green Schools in Churubusco. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Ege and Fort Wayne Highlights. She enjoyed cross-stitching, football and NASCAR.

She was born in Enid, Okla., on Aug. 8, 1942, to Robert G. and Myrtle (Wilmont) Schuelein.

She married David Fenker Nov. 29, 1969, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Mark Trabel of Garrett; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Curtis Fenker of Albion and Andrew and Michelle Fenker of Churubusco; two sisters, Georgia Rieck of Fort Wayne and Shirley Simpson of Wichita, Kan.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with rosary at 3:30 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ruby Rhodes

AUBURN — Ruby L. Rhodes, 76, died Monday, March 3, 2003, at The Waters in Martinsville.

Mrs. Rhodes worked at County Line Cheese Co. of Auburn for 13 years. She then worked for Magnavox Corp. until she retired in 1989. She was a loving grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born May 17, 1926, in Zanesville, Ind., to Cosie C. and Bessie R. (Prather) Martin.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kent and Geri Rhodes of Mooresville; three stepsons and their spouses, Michael and Penny Rhodes of Garrett; Kenny and Judy Rhodes of Waterloo and Timothy Rhodes of Garrett; two brothers, Larry Martin of Ossian and Ronald Martin of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Pauline Young of Ossian and Shirley Husband of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Herbert Martin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Haverstock Cemetery at Zanesville, Ind.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sym pathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Helen Lytle

FREMONT — Helen J. Lytle, 81, died Sunday, March 2, 2003, at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Lytle was retired from Acorn Products in Quincy, Mich. She also worked at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility in Coldwater.

She graduated from Fremont High School in 1940. She was a member of Jamestown Church and the Ladies Aid. She was a member of the Age and Beauty Home Economics Club and Orland American Legion Post 423 Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed quilting and sewing and helping others.

She was born May 16, 1921, in Steuben County to Ray and Delilah (Hulse) Brown.

She married Charlie B. McCurley in 1941. He died in 1985.

She married Wilbur Lytle Aug. 30, 1994, in Fremont. He survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter; four stepsons; several nieces and nephews; two sisters, Marie Crooks of Huntertown and Maxine Rome of Columbia City; a brother, Edward Brown of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Martha Brown of Fremont.

Preceding her in death besides her first husband were a brother, Herbert Brown; and three sisters, Pauline Watters, Esther Boise and Edith Brown.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jamestown Church in Fremont.

Dorothy Harris

INDIANAPOLIS — Dorothy Harris, 88, died Saturday, March 1, 2003, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

She had worked as a bookkeeper at AAA Auto Sales in Waterloo. She graduated as valedictorian of the Auburn High School class of 1931.

She was born in Auburn Nov. 13, 1914, to Myrtle Baughman (McClellan) and Frank Madden.

She married Paul James Harris. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Tom Harris, and a daughter, Marianne Stevens, both of Indianapolis; four grandchildren and their spouses, Mark Wolfe of Anderson, Eric Wolfe of Indianapolis, Todd and Natalie Wolfe of Indianapolis, and Dee and Guy DeCostero of Seattle; and four great-grandchildren Claire and Julianne DeCostero and Samantha and Nathaniel Wolfe.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dick Madden.

Graveside services were held today at 11 a.m. at Grove Lawn Cemetery in Pendleton. Hendrix Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Everald Myers

FISHERS — Everald G. Myers, 80, formerly of Fort Wayne and Danville, Ill., died at 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Carmel.

He retired in 1989 as senior buyer at General Electric in Fort Wayne after 46 years of service. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps, serving during World War II.

He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville and a former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danville and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He was a former member of the Summit City Barbershop Chorus and the G.E. Quarter Center Club.

He was born April 8, 1922, in Waterloo to Glen R. and Esther (Martz) Myers.

His wife, Louise H., died in 1993.

Surviving are three daughters, Diane M. Lee of Vermont, Judith L. Schubert of St. Louis and Jill A. Leighty of Fishers; a son, David W. Myers of Ossian; a sister, Margie Henry of Grandville, Mich., a brother, Bill Myers of Louisville, Ky.; a sister, Imogene Deam of Bluffton; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a daughter, Jan Elizabeth Myers.

Services will be today at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Thomas Eggold officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be today after 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran in Danville, Messiah Lutheran in Wolcottville or the Summit City Barbershop Chorus.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Oberlin

AUBURN — James R. Oberlin, 79, died Monday, March 3, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mr. Oberlin worked at International Harvester for 31 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn, the Odd Fellows and the Harvester Retirement Club.

He was born Sept. 5, 1923, in Hamilton to Rosco and Pearl (Greer) Oberlin.

On Aug. 29, 1943, in Hamilton, he married Bernadine L. Newcomer. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas James and Joann Oberlin of Flossint, Mo., and Kenneth Charles and Valorie Oberlin of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Max Edward and Ann Oberlin of Peabody, Mass.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Anna Mae and Dean Baker of Hamilton; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Benjamin Hall

AUBURN — Benjamin "Ben" Hall, 60, died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hall worked as a melt supervisor at Auburn Foundry for 30 years. He was an avid fisherman and loved his granddaughters. He served in the U.S. Army.

He was born Aug. 3, 1942, in Kentucky to Spencer and Lona (Tuttle) Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Buretta (Manns) Hall, of Auburn; one daughter, Cathy D. Sliger of Auburn; one brother, Tommy Hall of Kentucky; four sisters, Lottie Hall and Ruth Slone, both of Shipshewana, and Renda Slone and Brenda Owens, both of Kentucky; a special nephew, Tony Benjamin Manns of Bloomington; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Glen and Pam Manns and Bill and Veva Blaylock; a sister-in-law, Vera Bailey; and two granddaughters, Courtney Sliger and Cooper Steward.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Wade Sturdivant will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jackson Township Softball Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Blanche Sible

CHURUBUSCO — Blanche M. Sible, 82, died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 1 p.m. at her home in Eel River Township in Allen County. She had been in declining health for three months.

Mrs. Sible

Before her marriage she worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City. She was a homemaker and helped her husband on the couple's farm east of Churubusco, where they spent most of their marriage. She enjoyed all kinds of cooking and baking, camping and fishing.

She moved from Noble County to Green Township in Allen County as a young girl.

She was born in Swan Township in Noble County Nov. 24, 1920, to Lodie and Eva (Richards) Freeman. As a young girl she moved with her family to Green Township.

She married Clarence E. Sible March 1, 1941, in Columbia City. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Harold Schinbeckler of Churubusco; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Laura Shank of Churubusco, Mary and Jim Gerber of Garrett and Neva Writesell of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Wilbur and Kay Freeman of Marion; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Larry L. Sible, on Jan. 3, 1984; a sister, Myrtle Nine; and a brother Jim Freeman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Nikki Marker officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

The Evening Star, Wednesday, March 5, 2003

This obituary is being republished with additional information about a surviving relative.

Ruby Rhodes

AUBURN — Ruby L. Rhodes, 76, died Monday, March 3, 2003, at The Waters in Martinsville.

Mrs. Rhodes worked at County Line Cheese Co. of Auburn for 13 years. She then worked for Magnavox Corp. until she retired in 1989. She was a loving grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born May 17, 1926, in Zanesville, Ind., to Cosie C. and Bessie R. (Prather) Martin.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kent and Geri Rhodes of Mooresville; three stepsons and their spouses, Michael and Penny Rhodes of Garrett; Kenny and Judy Rhodes of Waterloo and Timothy Rhodes of Garrett; two brothers, Larry Martin of Ossian and Ronald Martin of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Pauline Young of Ossian, Imogene Deam of Bluffton and Shirley Husband of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Herbert Martin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Haverstock Cemetery at Zanesville, Ind.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Annabelle Golden

ANGOLA — Annabelle "Annie" Smith Golden, 88, of Angola and formerly of Ligonier, died at 12:55 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She had been in declining health for a week.

Mrs. Golden

Mrs. Golden was a longtime Noble County resident. She had owned and operated her father's hardware store, J.F. Seagly Co. in Ligonier. She also had been a social worker for Noble County. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She attended Kalamazoo College and earned a degree from DePauw University in 1939. She was an avid reader and a member of a circuit book club that met in homes in Ligonier. She had been a member of the Ligonier Business & Professional Women. She also enjoyed Bible study, watching television and being with her grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time at her cottage on Lake Wawasee.

She was born in Topeka on Feb. 28, 1915, to John F. and Georgianna (Miller) Seagly.

She married Eldon Smith in October 1940 in Kendallville. He died in 1955.

She then married John Golden in December 1960 in Ligonier. He died in 1980.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jill and Gus Haughey of Hamilton and Allyson and Jerry Ellis of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

A sister, Norma Seagly Gates, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Ligonier United Methodist Church, with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Thursday, March 6, 2003
NO LOCAL DEATHS

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Patricia Heffern

HUDSON — Patricia M. Heffern, 74, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had worked at the Lima, Ohio, American Legion post. She was born in Lima.

Surviving are a daughter, Ella Heffern of Hudson; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Michael J., preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling. Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family in care of Ella Heffern.

Brooke Targgart

AUBURN — Brooke Nicole Targgart, 10 months old, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born April 7, 2002, in Auburn to James D. and Debbie (Collier) Targgart. Her parents survive in Auburn.

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Also surviving are her grandparents, Dianna Collier of Waterloo and James and Sharon Targgart of Rome City; great-grandparents Ruth Miller of Wilshire, Ohio, and Mildred Targgart of Wawaka; and aunts and uncles, Laura Torres of Auburn, Emily Collier of Waterloo, Andy Collier of Waterloo, Brenda Myers of Rome City and Mike Targgart of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ernie Kohlmyer will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital Heart Center or to the family.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@feller-funeralhome.net.

Melba Baughman

AUBURN — Melba B. Baughman, 91, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Shorehaven Health Care, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Mrs. Baughman was a homemaker and worked as a clerk at a number of stores in Auburn. She attended the First Christian Church in Auburn.

She was born July 13, 1911, in Auburn to George C. and Grace D. (Johnson) Hutton.

She married Oscar D. Baughman Feb. 16, 1926, in Auburn. He died May 2, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beryl and Richard McKenzie of Oconomowoc; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gordon L. Baughman; a granddaughter and two sisters, Wanda Heffley and Thelma Werner.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, conducted by Dr. Robert Craig.

Calling is Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@feller-funeralhome.net.

Jim Zolman

WATERLOO — Jim L. Zolman, 65, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zolman was an Disabled American Veteran and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was born Aug. 17, 1937, in Auburn to Wilbert L. and Norma M. (Bearss) Zolman. Both parents preceded him in death.

His wife, Shelby J. Daniels, survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are three sons, Mark E. Zolman and Jim L. Zolman Jr., both of Garrett, and Brian L. Zolman of South Bend; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Russell W. and Mary Daniels and Dennie L. Daniels, all of Waterloo; four grandchildren, a stepgranddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rodney Hall officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling is Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Alvin Murphy

ALBION — Alvin R. Murphy, 64, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at 5:15 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A lifetime Albion resident, Mr. Murphy had worked on the loading dock for Starcraft in Topeka since 1973. He was an avid stock car racing fan.

He was born Oct. 30, 1938, in Kendallville to Floyd R. and Opal A. (Bowen) Murphy. Both parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Freedom "Murph" and Rita Murphy of Albion; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marilyn Smith of Churubusco and Patricia and Delbert Uhl of Albion.

A half-brother, Eldon Kurrie, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion. The Rev. David Earlewine of the Albion Wesleyan Church will officiate. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Noble County Hospice.

Phillip Schuler

ANGOLA — Phillip Schuler, 56, of Lake James, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at 11:43 p.m. at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Schuler was a maintenance manager at Cardinal Glass Industries in Fremont and formerly worked at Moore Business Forms in Angola. He also was a supply sergeant in the Army Reserve at Fort Knox, Ky., during the Vietnam War.

He was a member and head elder at Peace Lutheran Church and sang in the choir.

He was born Jan. 5, 1947, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Frank Xavier Schuler and Mary T. (Kribisch) Schuler. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Norma L. Terron on Aug. 5, 1980, in Whiting. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, André Schuler of Angola; a daughter, Maritza Schuler of Angola; two brothers, Thomas Schuler of Milwaukee and James Schuler of Somonauk, Ill.; and a granddaughter, Amayah Armstrong of Angola.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Peace Lutheran Church, 355 E. S.R. 120, Fremont. The Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in West Jamestown Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and Peace Lutheran Church.

Robert Eckman

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Robert Dale "Bob" Eckman, 72, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at 4 a.m. at his residence.

Mr. Eckman, a 1960 graduate of Tri-State University in Angola, was the director of finance for Cummins, retiring in 1996 after 31 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was a volunteer at Columbus Regional Hospital, a former member and past treasurer of the Columbus Arts Guild and a charter member of the Electronic Data Processing Auditors Association.

He was born Dec. 7, 1930, in South Bend to Herbert W. and Margaret S. (McCullough) Eckman.

He married Norma Pabst on Nov. 28, 1952, in Paris, France. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marlene Sloat of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Christina Sloat of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Daniel Sloat of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Herbert "Bill" Eckman of West Unity, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, June M. Herber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers Funeral Service, Reed and Jewell Chapel, Columbus, with the Rev. Nan Chizmar officiating. Cremation will be at The Columbus Crematory with inurment at a later date in West Jamestown Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of South-Central Indiana and the Columbus Regional Hospital Foundation.

This obituary is being republished with information about calling.

Majorie Winebrenner

MERRIAM — Marjorie L. Winebrenner, 89, of Noble Township, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at 8:26 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. She had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill since January, when she entered the nursing home.

Mrs. Winebrenner

Mrs. Winebrenner was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Garrett to Alfred M. and Lettie (McGuire) Geiger. She spent her formative years in Green Township in Noble County, and was educated at the former Charter Oak School and at Churubusco High School.

On Jan. 1, 1935, she married Alvin R. Winebrenner at the old Merriam Christian Chapel parsonage, and spent most of her married life on the family farm, north of Merriam.

Always active as a farm wife, she assisted her husband with their dairy operation. Following Mr. Winebrenner's death on Feb. 9, 1991, Mrs. Winebrenner continued milking at the operation until she retired at the age of 82. She was honored by the Noble County Holstein Association for being the oldest person active in milking.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Winebrenner of rural Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Loren and Toni Winebrenner of rural Albion; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry Lee Winebrenner, on Feb. 22, 1995, and two sisters, Leah Gallagher and Lois Harrold.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Merrian Christian Chapel, with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling is today from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or Monday one hour prior to services at the church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Doris Crouch

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Doris L. Crouch. 90, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at 1:20 a.m. at Atria Sugar Land Home at Sugar Land, Texas.

A former resident of Columbus, Ind., she was born Oct. 10, 1912, in Brown County to Edward and Rhoda (Stinson) Voland.

Mrs. Crouch retired from Newsom Industries after 30 years as a machinist and inspector. She was a 50-year member of the East Columbus United Methodist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She married Hiram W. Crouch in Nashville, Ind. He died April 20, 1969.

Survivors include a son, James Crouch of Douglass, Texas; grandchildren Robert Crouch of Corunna, Randall Crouch and Shelly Speakman of Fort Wayne, and Kathy Jung and William Smith, both of Texas; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Voland, and sisters Edith Lain and Grace Wright.

Serrvices will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Myers Funeral Service, Reed and Jewell Chapel, 3729 25th St., Columbus. The Rev. Samuel Chizmar will officiate. Burial will be in Garland Brook Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4 to 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The Hartsville Chapter will conduct an Eastern Star Memorial Service tonight at 7:30.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Marjorie Harrison

AUBURN — Marjorie K. Harrison, 91, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at 3 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Harrison

Mrs. Harrison had lived in Auburn for 20 years. She taught first grade for 17 years in Dundee, Ill. She also was a Sunday school teacher and organist at St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashley, where she was a member.

She was born Feb. 9, 1912, in Keystone, S.D., to Herbert A. and Louisa (Carter) Lyndoe.

She married the Rev. Dr. Lorin Harrison on June 1, 1935, in Grand Island, Neb. He died May 19, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lillian and Bernie Myers of Auburn and Lorine and Richard Scroggins of Garrett; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Craig Harrison, and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Norman Conklin, the Rev. John Kabes and the Rev. Craig Scroggins will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Betz Nursing Home Activity Fund or St. John's United Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Betty Rifenburg

STURGIS, Mich. — Betty Jane Rifenburg, 79, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, at home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Rifenburg was born Jan. 26, 1924, in Sturgis, to William and Mabel (Chrystler) Weirich.

She was a lifelong Sturgis resident. On April 25, 1942, she married L. Dale Rifenburg in Sturgis.

She retired in 1985 from Sturgis Newport Business Forms after 28 years of employment. She had also been employed by M & R Laboratories and McClellan's Dime Store, both in Sturgis. She was also a homemaker.

She was a graduate of Sturgis High School with the class of 1942. She enjoyed dancing and playing cards, especially pinochle. Her greatest love was taking care of her family.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dale; a daughter and son-in-law, Gayle and Skook Wright of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Vickie Rifenburg of Hudson; four grandchildren, Gary Ash of Henderson, Ky., Kasey Wright of Muskegon, Jason Rifenburg of Auburn and Adam Rifenburg of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Leanza Ash and Karis Hall; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Rosemary Weirich of Sturgis; a sister, Phyllis Shipe of Sturgis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Dorothy Shutes.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Sturgis Church of Christ, with Pastor Steven Ruger of the Sturgis Church of Christ and Pastor Gary Rifenburg of Calvary Fellowship Church, Stroh, officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis.

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Sidney Nelson

ANGOLA — Sidney Edward Nelson, 78, died Monday, March 10, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Nelson had lived in Angola for 29 years. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a first class chief engineman. He also was retired from the Angola Waste Water Treatment Plant.

He was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine Temple, Angola Moose Lodge, Angola American Legion Post No. 31, and a life member of the George Anspaugh Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Angola. He was an avid bowler and a graduate of Salem Center High School.

He was born July 1, 1924, in LaGrange to Sidney and Mary (Temple) Nelson.

He married Norma E. (Coney) Wisel on Nov. 10, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Leroy and Irene Wisel of Fremont and Rick and June Wisel of White Pigeon, Mich.; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Loretta and Larry Smart of Fremont; a sister in White Pigeon and a stepmother in LaGrange; six grandchildren and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield and Pastor Dwight Gosser officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A Moose service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdayby members of the Angola Moose Lodge. A Masonic service will follow, conducted by members of the Angola Masonic Lodge.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery of Steuben County, with military services conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post 31.

Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Mich.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Church of Christ or Hospice of Sturgis.

Larry Sanders

WATERLOO — Larry D. Sanders, 55, died Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 7 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Survivors include his wife, Marie.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Charles Shoemaker Sr.

AVILLA — Charles E. Shoemaker Sr., 71, died Monday, March 10, 2003, at 11:03 p.m. in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Shoemaker was a truck driver and retired from CMW in Kendallville. He was currently working for PTI in Garrett.

Mr. Shoemaker

He had retired from the U.S. Navy SeaBees as an EOC with 42 years of service. He had lived in the Avilla community for 31 years.

A 1950 graduate of Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne, he was a member of the National Model Railroader Association and enjoyed building model railroads. He also was a member of American Legion Post 86 and Moose Lodge 1301, both in Kendallville, and the U.E.T. Scuba Club of Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 27, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, to Irvin and Carma (Treaster) Shoemaker.

He married Kay Huth on Feb. 14, 1971, in Wolcottville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Sandra Kay and Robert Dean of Kendallville and Barbara J. Emery of Hudson; three sons, Tracey Fogelson and Terry Fogelson, both of Avilla, and Charles Shoemaker Jr. of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Donna Slone, Kay Oakes, Becky Shoemaker, Robert E. Dean Jr. and Anson Shoemaker; two great-grandchildren, Austin Slone and Gabriel Oakes; and a brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Mary Shoemaker of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were a son, Steven; and two brothers, Jerry and Larry Shoemaker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home of Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in the Hicksville Cemetery at Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Ruby Mae Smith

BUTLER — Ruby Mae Smith, 80, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at 4:20 a.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker. She was born Jan. 20, 1923, in Longview, Ill., to Dee and Mary J. (Coleman) Hyatt.

She married Clarence S. Smith on Sept. 4, 1945, in Homer, Ill. He died July 27, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Smith of Catlin, Ill., a daughter, Mary Palmer of Hamilton; three grandchildren, including Michelle Thomas of Butler; and two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Samuel Thomas of Butler.

Services will be Saturday at Sunset Funeral Home in Danville, Ill. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park of Danville.

Kenneth Wilkinson

PLEASANT LAKE — Kenneth "Mike" Wilkinson, 51, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Wilkinson was final inspector at Metaldyne Corp. in Edon, Ohio. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Antique Power Association, B.F. Avery Association, a former member of the Hudson Fire Department and an EMT for the fire department.

He was born Nov. 6, 1951, in Eaton Rapids, Mich., to Charles and Iva (Wonsey) Wilkerson.

He married Ann L. Carrick on Oct. 6, 1978. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are his mother, Iva Blodgett of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Laurie Wilkinson of Coldwater, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Guy Creager of Angola and Shawn and Frank Easterday of Coldwater; a sister and brother-in-law, Loretta and Virgil Harvey of Angola; and 15 grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his father, Charles Wilkinson, and stepfather, Elmo Blodgett.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, with the Rev. Chris Cain officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family in care of Ann Wilkinson.

Larry Sanders

WATERLOO — Larry D. Sanders, 55, died Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 7 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Sanders worked at Pullman Industries in Butler and was a lifetime livestock and grain farmer.

Mr. Sanders

A U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of the American Legion post at Kendallville. He loved gardening and was an avid collector of antique tractors, die-cast toy tractors and model trains.

He was born July 15, 1947, in Auburn to Ora Glenn Sanders and Doris June (Freed) Sanders. His mother survives in Waterloo.

He married Marie Haynes on Dec. 31, 1973, in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Nicholas Duane Sanders of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy Marie and Bob Tinglestad of Littleton, Colo., and Penny Marie and Duane Worman of Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Dennis Krill of Waterloo; and one grandchild, Montana Marie Sebert.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Burrus and the Rev. Don Shankster will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 1-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Anderson University scholarship program.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

The Evening Star, Friday, March 14, 2003

Della Randol

LAGRANGE — Della A. Randol, 85, died Thursday, March 13, 2003, at 5:05 a.m. in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Randol was a homemaker. She moved from Orland to LaGrange in 1954.

She was born Feb. 2, 1918, in Kendallville to Alvin and Bessie (McCormick) Varner.

She married Richard G. Randol on March 18, 1939, in Angola. He died Dec. 3, 2000.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Bonnie and Douglas Trovinger of Auburn and Marilyn and Gene Yoder, Janice L. Randol and Lois E. Randol, all of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Kathy D. Randol of LaGrange; a sister, Betty Elliott of Angola; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Alvin and William Varner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

The Evening Star, Saturday, March 15, 2003

David Pankop

CORUNNA — David C. Pankop, 30, of Corunna, died Thursday, March 13, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Auburn May 20, 1972, to Nelson and Wanda (Fender) Pankop. He married Peggy Garman Nov. 24, 1991, in Waterloo.

Mr. Pankop

A graduate of DeKalb High School in 1991, he had worked the past three years at Cooper Tire in Auburn. He was a lifetime Corunna resident and a member of the Ashley Church of God.

Surviving with his wife are three children, Phillip, Joshua and Tara, at home; his father, Nelson, of Corunna, and his mother, Wanda Fender-Brunner of Auburn; grandparents Harold Pankop of Corunna and Doris and Harvey Fairchild of West Unity, Ohio, and Martha Fender of Florida; and two brothers, Adam Pankop of Corunna and Danny Pankop of Waterloo.

Also surviving are many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Phillip, who died in 1979.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Ashley Church of God with the Rev. Dean Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna. Friends may call at the church on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society. Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Jack Dunlap

ANGOLA — Jack E. Dunlap, 65, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

He was born in Hillsdale, Mich., Sept. 29, 1937, to Perl and Esther (Rimer) Dunlap. He married Jane (Copeland) Dunlap Oct. 7, 1956.

A 1993 retired electrician, he was a former captain of the Angola Police Reserve. He was a member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 236, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine Temple, and former member of the Angola Moose Ritual Team. He attended Montgomery (Mich.) Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife; his mother; two sons and daughters in-law, Bradley and Ina Dunlap of Eugene, Ore., and Steven and Pam Dunlap of Angola; and three grandchildren, Wendy, Logan and Jacob.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Diane Stone officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Montgomery Methodist Church.

Esther Getz

FREMONT — Esther Ruth Getz, 67, died Friday, March 14, 2003 at her residence.

She was born in LaGrange, Jan. 29, 1936, to Ellis and Ethel (George) Miller. She married Bill K. Getz Jan. 29, 1954, in LaGrange, and he survives.

She was an employee at the McDonald's at the Indiana Toll Road in Fremont. She attended Sonlight Community Church in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Sheila Getz of LaGrange and Michael and Belinda Getz of Keystone, Fla.; two brothers, Bill Miller of LaGrange and Gene Miller of Howe; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Erma Stevens.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor John Shapanus officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Fremont Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health & Hospice.

Alma Williams

ROME CITY — Alma Williams, 85, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at her residence.

She was born at Pine Ridge, Ky., Feb. 14, 1918, to Pete and Laura (Caudill) Browning and stepmother Bell Browning. She married Bobby Williams March 23, 1936 in Knott County, Ky.

She was employed for many years at Starcraft Boats in Goshen and was a member of the Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Violet and Ralph McCoy of White River Junction, Vt., Laura Sue and Jim Fugate of Wolcottville, and Linda Keck of Rome City; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Howard "Cotton" and Cheryl Williams of Rome City, Wilmer "Hank" and Kathleen Williams of Rome City, Ivan Williams of Wolcottville, and Greg and Viva Williams of Wolcottville; one brother, Wilmer and Bess Browning of Lexington, Ky.; four sisters, Maude Guthrie of Hamilton, Ohio, Vera Cottrell of Coloniel Heights, Va., Kathleen Pigman of Lexington, Ky., and Ruth and Bob Hyman of Lexington, Ky.; 16 grandchildren; 34 greatgrandchildren; and 2 great-greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; an infant son, Simon Pete; grandson, Tony Williams; great grandchild, Bailey Hall; brother, Elmer Browning; and two sisters, Beulah Campbell and Marie Devereaux.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church with Pastors Jamie Owens, Shawn Shepherd and Glenn Patrick officiating.

Visitation will be on Monday anytime after 3 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

Burial will be at the Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Katie Yoder

TOPEKA — Katie Elizabeth Yoder, died Friday March 14, 2003, 20 minutes after being born at New Eden Care Center in Topeka.

She was born to Ray and Ada Sue (Miller) Yoder of Topeka, who survive.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mary Etna, Sarah Jean and Doretta Kay Yoder, all at home; grandparents, Glen and Elizabeth Yoder of Topeka and Marvin Ray and Katie Miller of Shipshewana; great-grandparents, Noah and Susie Miller of Shipshewana, Ada Miller of Shipshewana, and Amos J. and Wilma Miller of Shipshewana.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at Honeyville Cemetery, Topeka, with Bishop Samuel Beachy officiating.

Florence Scribner

KENDALLVILLE — Florence Laura Scribner, 88, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home, Kendallville.

She was born Feb. 6, 1915 in Penfield, N.Y., to Jacob and Florence (Mundy) Welkley. She married Harold D. Scribner Feb. 6, 1935 in Penfield, N.Y. He survives.

She had worked in retail dairy stores and in the kitchen at Baptist Nursing Home in Fairport, N.Y.

Also surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Sherrick of Kendallville; a grandson; Rick Sherrick of New York, N.Y.; two brothers, Howard and Stanley Welkley of Florida; and a sister, Esther Flewelling of Massechusetts.

Services will be held at a later date in New York.

Burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery in Penfield, N.Y.

Arrangements are by Berhalter Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dan Fry

LAGRANGE — Dan J. Fry, 87, of LaGrange, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at his residence.

He was born in Nappanee, Aug. 19, 1915, to John D. and Mary (Yoder) Fry. He married Lydia G. (Helmuth) Oct. 21, 1937 in LaGrange and she survives.

He moved to LaGrange County from Nappanee in 1920 and owned a portable saw mill business for 35 years.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ellen and Vernon Raber of Abbyville, S.C., and Esther Anna Fry of Crosshill, S.C.; seven sons and daughters-in-law, John and Pat Fry of West Blocton, Ala., Jacob and Polly Anna Fry of Topeka, Christ and Katie Fry of Conneaut, Pa., Joe and Bonnie Fry of Constantine, Mich., Dan and Ruby Fry, Jr. of Nappanee, Clarence and Polly Anna Fry of Middlebury, and Melvin and Rosetta Fry of LaGrange; 39 grandchildren; and 66 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; her mother; and two brothers, Sam Fry and Willard Fry.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family residence with Bishop Ervin Bontrager, the Rev. Ervin Hostetler, and the Rev. Flyod Lehman officiating.

Visitation is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday.

Burial will be at Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Arrangements are by Fruripmay Funeral Home.

Clara Jones

FORT WAYNE — Clara Lillian Jones, 80, died Friday, March 14, 2003, at 3:25 p.m. in Heritage Park Nursing Center.

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker and a member of Bethany United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 31, 1922, in Auburn to Nelson and Louella Souder.

Surviving are her husband, Wendell W.; two daughters, Ann Witter of Mesa, Ariz., and Christine Steele of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a son, Fred Wysong of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Bethany United Methodist Church, 7715 Sunny Lane. The Rev. John E. Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Bethany United Methodist Church.

Sadie Randolph

MUNCIE — Sadie Marie Randolph, 23, formerly of Hartford City, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at home.

She had been a reporter for the Hartford City News Times and worked at Alliance Mortgage Corp. in Yorktown.

She was born in Marion.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, Allen D. and Toni-Jean Randolph of Hartford City; her mother, Leisa M. Maddox of Carmel; two daughters, Kayla Marie Hartley of Hartford City and Kyran Jean Williams of Muncie; a sister, Sarah L. Randolph of Carmel; three stepbrothers, Daniel Maddox of Vermont, Tim Maddox of Hudson and John A. O'Connell of Hartford City; three stepsisters, Hope-Ann O'Connell, Heather Sills and Alanna Bucknell, all of Hartford City; her grandparents, Yvonne M. Farling and Janice C. Maddox, both of Hartford City; her step-grandmother, Anna A. Henbderson-Bousman of Hartford City and her great-grandmother, Ruth A. Farling of Hartford City.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Hartford City. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling and a wake will be Tuesday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City.

Memorials are to St. John's Riedman Memorial School Trust, 213 S. Spring St., Hartford City, IN 47348.

Betty Jane Boylan

BRYAN, Ohio — Betty Jane Boylan, 79, died early Sunday morning, March 16, 2003, in Harborside Healthcare Center-Bryan, where she resided.

Mrs. Boylan was a graduate of Nebraska City High School and had attended Midland College in Fremont, Neb. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Lutheran Church of Bryan.

She was born May 3, 1923, in Nebraska City, Neb., to Hans L. and Minnie (Olsen) Hansen.

On May 8, 1943, she married Nelson Boylan. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Nelson Jr. and Debbie Boylan of Bryan, James A. and Audrey Boylan of Auburn and Garry R. and Connie Boylan of Napoleon, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Al Heigura of Burlington, Conn., and Robin A. and Mark Owens of Camden, Mich.; three brothers and one sister-in-law, Richard H. Hansen of Vincennes; Paul E. and Arla Mae Hansen of Bennett, Neb., and Herbert L. Hansen of Omaha, Neb.; four grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, one great-grandson and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

Russell Hapner

AUBURN — Russell E. Hapner, 76, of Auburn, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at The Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Hapner

Mr. Hapner worked as a machinist at Alliance Winding, retiring in 1989. He was a member of American Legion Post 241, a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Fort Wayne, a G.E. firefighter and attended Norris Chapel in rural Auburn.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a war hero, serving in the Battle of Okinawa. He was discharged in 1946.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 2, 1926.

Surviving are his wife, Geraldine E. (Snyder) Hapner of Auburn; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Michael and Debra Hapner of Fort Wayne and John "Doug" Hapner of Huntertown; two daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Steven Shoemaker of Columbia City and Lori and Paul Zollinger of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy Rodgers of Columbia City and Cora Sarazen of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Hapner.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in at Covington Memorial Funeral Home of Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel.

Darrell Johnson

ROME CITY — Darrell R. Johnson, 86, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at 9:12 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in LaGrange.

Mr. Johnson was a welder and toolmaker for Fruehauf Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 7 in Huntington.

He was born Sept. 8, 1916, in Wells County to Lee and Elizabeth (Rogers) Johnson.

He married Vera Short on Dec. 4, 1937, in Kokomo. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son, Darrell "Bud" Johnson Jr. of Huntington; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandy Forsthoffer of Huntington and Judith and Thomas B. McNabb of Auburn; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Ray Davis of Marion.

A daughter, Kay Lynn Rafatjah, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at noon at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home in Huntington, with the Rev. Yvonne Brown officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery at Marion.

Calling will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, c/o McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

Magnolia Bowden

ROCHESTER — Magnolia "Maggie" Collins Bowden, 69, died Thursday, March 14, 2003, at 12:53 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked for several years at ProDesign until she retired. She then worked part-time cleaning the new Mentone United Methodist Church until her death.

She was born March 1, 1934, in Handshoe, Ky., to Hurly and Girly (Sexton) Shepherd.

Her husband, John Bowden, survives in Rochester.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Lee Jr. and Linda Howard of Wabash, Kenny and Deb Howard of Argos, Leslie Howard of Nappanee and Paul Howard of Rochester; a daughter, Sue Clemons of Cromwell; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Geeneva Wallen of Kendallville, Marleen and Joe Miller of Auburn, and Clora Montgomery of Shelby, Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Comodora and Jan Shepherd of Combs, Ky., Beauford and JoAnn Shepherd of Corunna, and Bud and Linda Handshoe and Thelmar Handshoe, all of Auburn.

Her parents and a sister preceded her in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lloyd Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours before services.

Memorials are to the family.

Mable Myers

WATERLOO — Mable LuReign Myers, 91, died today, March 19, 2003, at 2:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home at Auburn.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 1, 1911, in Butler to Homer and Princess (Thomas) Casebere.

She married Floyd F. Myers on April 4, 1931. He died Jan. 10, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Beverly Myers of Auburn and Jerry and Necia Myers of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Gene Warstler of Angola; a brother, Harold Casebere of Butler; a sister, Rachel Imhoff of Auburn; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. John D. Love will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 5-9 p.m. and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a Christian charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Tackett

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Robert Tackett, 72, died March 9, 2003, at Community Hospital in Springfield, after battling cancer for several years.

Mr. Tackett was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

He was a member of Maiden Lane Church of God, Springfield, and was an avid mushroom hunter.

He was born April 7, 1930, in Harold, Ky., to Sheridan and Sarah (Hall) Tackett.

His wife, Vivian (Orahood) Tackett, survives in Springfield.

Also surviving are a daughter, Pamela Tackett Berryman of Florida; two sons, Michael and Robert Tackett Jr., both of Springfield; two sisters, Gertrude Bolen of Kendallville and Sola Williams of Printer, Ky.; four brothers, Joe Tackett of Corunna, Earl and Walker Tackett, both of Kendallville, and Charley Tackett of Kentucky; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Thursday at Richards, Raff & Dunbar Funeral Home, with Pastor Randy Spence officiating. Burial was at Enon Cemetery in Enon, Ohio.

Memorials are to Maiden Lane Church of God or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to cayjen@locl.net

Richard Bingaman

GARRETT — Richard Clarence Bingaman, 76, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 8:06 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mr. Bingaman

Mr. Bingaman co-owned and operated the Avilla Grain Elevator and the Fremont Elevator for many years before retiring in 1977. He had served as the Fremont Township trustee.

He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Army medic corps during World War II.

He was born July 6, 1926, in Metz to Ellsworth C. and Florence H. (Moore) Bingaman.

He married JoAnn McNaughton on July 16, 1948, in the Fremont United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen A. and Alan Middleton of rural Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Gloria Bingaman of Monroe; three grandchildren, Amy M. Middleton of Indianapolis, Erica R. Middleton of Philadelphia and Ryan A. Middleton of Muncie; a sister, Eloise Zuber of Angola; two stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

A sister, Jean Lauer, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont. The Rev. Scott Shoaff and the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to funeralinfo@zwickjahn.com.

Victor Orr

AUBURN — Victor H. Orr Jr. 88, died Monday, March 17, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Little Rock, Ark., he was an ordained minister with Union Rescue Mission and an assistant superintendent in Jamestown, N.Y., retiring in 1979.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps.

Surviving are two sons, Vic Orr of Charlotte, Mich., and Denny Orr of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and one brother, Frank Kenneth Orr of Dushore, Pa.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

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Johanna Stachel

GARRETT — Johanna E. Stachel, 94, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 5:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Stachel worked as a dietary supervisor for Parkview Hospital for 15 years before retiring in 1974. She had resided in Garrett for three years.

Mrs. Stachel

She was born Jan. 10, 1909, in Berlin, Germany, to Flriaedech and Emma (Behling) Mootz.

She married Erich Stachel on April 15, 1933, in Berlin. He died Aug. 14, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Christel Suter of Garrett; a son, Jorg Stachel of Indianapolis; two granddaughters, Diane Zumbaugh of Garrett and Lauren Stachel of Indianapolis; two grandsons, Richard Suter of Fort Wayne and Jason Stachel of Indianapolis; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett. Pastor David Farling will officiate.

There will be no calling. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Delores Purvis

FORT WAYNE — Delores M. Purvis, 89, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

She retired in 1985 as head nurse at the American Red Cross after 20 years.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Paul Purvis Jr., of Auburn; two daughters, Mary Jo Purvis of Fort Wayne and Margaret Trabel of New Haven; two brothers, Frederick "Fritz" Sallot of Columbia City and Stephen Sallot of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Paul Sr., who died in 1975; and a daughter, Jane Purvis, who died in 1991.

Services Saturday will begin with prayers at 9:40 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., followed by mass at 10 a.m. at Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and rosary at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jane Purvis Memorial Scholarship Fund, Cancer Services of Allen County or masses at the church.

Roger Shoudel

DETROIT — Roger C. Shoudel, 60, died Monday, March 17, 2003, at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating.

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Robert Derck

HAMILTON — Robert E. "Bob" Derck, 67, died Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at his son's home in Hamilton.

Mr. Derck was employed in shipping and receiving at Ohio Art in Bryan, Ohio. He also had worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne. He enjoyed gardening and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He was born April 13, 1935, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Francis and Galen (Carr) Derck.

Surviving are three sons, Raymond Derck of Baltimore, Md., Robbie Derck of Edon, Ohio, and Derk Derck of Hamilton; four daughters, Theresa Stultz of Hamilton, Angela Hancock of Fremont, Madonna Ali of Fremont and Dolphin Ramanathan of Angola; two brothers, George Derck of New Haven and John Derck of Columbus, Ohio; six sisters, Ruth Derck, Anne Wiedeman, Jean Reinhart, Mary Donut, Linda Pendergrast and Lucinda Knight, all of Antwerp; 19 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Randy Derck, and a half-brother, Thomas Cottrell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, with Father Herman Scherger and Deacon Robert Nighswander officiating.

Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp. The Antwerp Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 will conduct graveside military honors.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp.

Memorials are to the family.

Doris See

AUBURN — Doris M. See, 88, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at 2:45 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. See

Mrs. See was a former employee of the DeKalb County treasurer's office and Messenger Corp., both in Auburn. She lived in DeKalb County and Auburn for most of her life except for a few years at Bear Lake in Noble County.

She graduated from McIntosh High School in Auburn. She belonged to the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She also was a member of the Entre Nous Literary Club of Auburn.

She was born Feb. 23, 1914, in DeKalb County to Leon E. and Gladys H. (Dannells) Barnhart.

She married Orval See on July 7, 1934, in Auburn. He died Feb. 14, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Elizabeth See of Garrett; a sister, Ruth Musser of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Michael J. See of Toledo, Ohio, Christina M. Meyer of Machesney Park, Ill., and Eric S. See of Boardman, Ohio; and five great-grandchildren, Jordan and Emily See of Toledo, Ohio, Lucas and Zachery Meyer of Machesney Park, Ill., and Cameron See of Boardman, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leon L., David and Keith Barnhart, and one sister, Grace Pommert Pavey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Indian Village Church of God. The Rev. Lloyd Harlan will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Elvina Sumalpong

HUDSON — Elvina S. Sumalpong, 66, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, in DeKalb County from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Sumalpong was a homemaker and a licensed practical nurse. She was very family-oriented and was a great nanny to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 13, 1937, in Essex, England, to Leslie and Elsie (Box) Jacobs.

She married Felimon Sumalpong in 1974. He preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Dana Hughes of Murphy, N.C.; four daughters, Donna Victorino and Darlene Shinn, both of Vallejo, Calif., Diana Rowe of Hudson and Dawn Kimoto of Vacaville, Calif.; a brother, James Jacobs of Essex; a stepbrother, David Reid of Toronto, Canada; two sisters, Diana Wade and Yvonne Jacobs, both of Essex; her stepfather, Robert Reid of Essex; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jeffrey Fackler officiating.

Calling is Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Gerald Zimmerman

LEESBURG, Fla. — Gerald W. Zimmerman, 90, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003.

He was originally from north of Brimfield in Noble County and had lived with his wife in Malayon, Fla., since 1977. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and was employed at Frick Lumber in Brimfield for more than 25 years.

He was born in Wawaka on March 12, 1912, to Daniel and Edith (Weaver) Zimmerman.

He married Madeline Hart on Aug. 8, 1936, in Kendallville. She survives in Florida.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles D. Zimmerman of Fort Wayne and Philip L. Zimmerman of Hamilton; a daughter, Sandra Kay Kloepper of Berne; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling is Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Barbara Bowers

FORT WAYNE — Barbara Jane Bowers, 60, died Monday at her home.

She had been a guidance counselor for Bishop Luers and Garrett schools.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

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Francis 'Frank' Murphy

PORT ORANGE, Fla. — Francis "Frank" Murphy, 87, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. Murphy was born in Ilion, N.Y. He retired in 1986 from Aero Jet Corp. in Azusa, Calif.

Mr. Murphy

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II in Luzon, New Guinea, The Philippines and Japan. He was an avid reader.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Virginia, and a son, Edward John Murphy of Port Orange.

Volusia Memorial Funeral Home of Port Orange was in charge of arrangements.

Carol Sherry

COLUMBIA CITY — Carol L. Sherry, 55, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at her home after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Sherry

She had lived in Ohio and graduated from Defiance High School. She was employed by Campbell's Soup in Napoleon, Ohio, from 1973 to 1982, at Richards Restaurant in Columbia City and as a certified nursing assistant at The Oaks Living Center for a few years.

She was born Aug. 14, 1947, in Toledo, Ohio, to Theodore Frederick and Virginia Marie (Bear) Kuhn.

She married Richard E. Sherry on Oct. 31, 1982. He died Aug. 6, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, James Eppelmann of Pierceton and Tom Eppelmann of Mentone; a daughter, Theresa Fruit of Parker City; three stepsons, James Sherry of Briceton, Ohio, Billy Crosser of Rosealm, Ohio, and Mike Sherry of Nappanee; three stepdaughters, Kim Mansfield and Cindy Coil, both of Payne, Ohio, and Michelle Sherry of Columbia City; several grandchildren; two brothers, William P. Kuhn of Columbia City and Richard L. Kuhn of Korea; four sisters, Paula Craig of Napoleon, Anne Marie Rohrs of Bryan, Ohio, Dianna Brinkman of Continental, Ohio, and Emma Shaffer of Garrett; and a stepbrother, Mike Merz of Continental.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia L. Eppelmann; four grandchildren, Christopher, David, Shane and Jamie Eppelmann; a daughter-in-law, Penny Eppelmann; and her stepfather, Paul Budd.

Services will be Friday at noon at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastors Sam Westmoreland and Mark Hale officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health & Hospice-Whitley Branch.

Charlotte Fee

ANGOLA — Charlotte G. Fee, 78, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mrs. Fee graduated as a registered nurse from Harper Hospital in Dearborn, Mich., in 1945. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and a past president.

She was an active member of the Angola United Methodist Church and belonged to the Joyce Elliott Church Circle. She was a member of the Steuben County Republican Women and an early member of the Parkinson's and Alzheimer's support groups. She served on the Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Board of Directors, was active in the Steuben County Council on Aging, and was a former resident of Cameron Woods Assisted Living Community in Angola.

She was born Feb. 28, 1924, in Auburn to Carl and Alice (Radabaugh) Grill.

She married William B. Fee in 1945. He preceded her in death in 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Allen Fee of Louisville, Ky., and William Calvin Fee of Angola; two daughters, Cheralyn Jean Shumaker of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Suzan Elizabeth Zimmer of Angola; three brothers, Herschal Grill of Reno, Nev., Arden Grill of Fort Wayne and Gerald Grill of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Gretchen Fee of Hamilton and Ann Fee London of Chicago; nine grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John Grill.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Hamilton Cemetery, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Celebration of life services will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Angola United Methodist Church.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church coffee house ministry.

Charles Lavoie

BRYAN, Ohio — Charles E. Lavoie, 85, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 18, 2003, in Harborside Healthcare Center-Bryan.

Mr. Lavoie had been an inspector with Aro Corp., retiring after 28 years of service. He also had worked a Challenge-Cook of Bryan, was a photographer with shops in Bryan, Continental and Defiance, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America for more than 55 years as a Boy Scout, committee member, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Explorer leader and advisor.

He was a member of the Stryker post of the American Legion, 40 & 8 Club, and the Williams and Defiance counties' conservation club. He was a life member of the Defiance County Conservation Club, Defiance Model Railroaders and Bryan Post 2489 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Sept. 16, 1917, in Montreal, Canada, to Alphonse Joseph Lavoie and Marie Georgiana (Chausse) Lavoie.

He married Donna B. Kerr on Aug. 12, 1949. She died March 18, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Peg Lavoie and Bruce and Amy Lavoie, all of Bryan; five grandchildren, Greg and Alex Lavoie and Izzy and Sarah Hardy, all of Bryan, and Aimee Lavoie of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lucianne Menendez of Farmington Hills, Mich., and Juliette deLavoye of Cumberland, Ontario, Canada.

A sister, Yvonne Erickson, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Rice-Burr Funeral Home, 225 E. High St., Bryan. The Rev. Troy Cummins of the First Brethren Church will officiate. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery of Bryan, with military rites by Stryker American Legion Post 60.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America or a charity of the donor's choice.

The Evening Star, Thursday, March 20, 2003

Glenn Shank

HUNTERTOWN — Glenn A. Shank, 91, died at 11:08 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shank

He spent his youth in Ohio and graduated from Miller City High School in 1930.

He and his wife lived in Auburn for 10 years and in 1940 moved to their farm in Eel River Township in Allen County.

The couple ran a mint distillery and sold processed mint to plants in Indiana and Michigan. They also raised a variety of vegetables for the V-8 vegetable juice company. They lived in their present home in Huntertown the last 31 years.

Mr. Shank earned his real estate broker's license at age 65 and was owner and operator of Shank Real Estate in Huntertown for 10 years. He was active in community service organizations, including Huntertown United Methodist Church, Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne and Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne. He was Eel River Township trustee for eight years, a member of the Northwest Allen County School Corp. board for eight years and was past president of Huntertown Lions Club.

He was born in Putnam County, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1912, to Cary and Alice (Allison) Shank.

He married Velma L. Tooman Jan. 10, 1931, in Ottawa, Ohio. They were high school classmates and married soon after graduation. She died July 3, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald "Bud" and Sally Shank of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Edward Ryan and Virginia and L. Roger Harrod, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Dianna Shank of Fort Wayne; a half-sister, Erma Kern of Continental, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Robert L. Shank, on Jan. 22, 1996; a brother, Gaylen Shank; a grandson, Anthony Shank; and a great-granddaughter, Anne Ryan.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Huntertown United Methodist Church, with Dr. David Michel, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m., with Masonic services by Lodge 689 F&AM at 8 p.m., at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

The Evening Star, Thursday, March 20, 2003

Wilmer Leitch

ALBION — Wilmer G. Leitch, 75, died at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2003, in his home following a lengthy illness.

He grew up in Noble County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and Merchant Marine. He and his wife lived in Michigan while he was affiliated with General Motors and moved to their present home in Albion in 1981. He retired in 1989 as a truck driver for Sunrise Trucking Co.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the Noble County Historical Society.

He was born April 14, 1927, in Green Township in Noble County to Dallas and Mary (Kesling) Leitch.

He married Mary Ellen Ohlwine Aug. 6, 1949. She survives.

Also surviving are his father, Dallas C. Leitch of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas A. and Andrea Leitch of Pinconning, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Keith Bissonette of Midland, Mich.; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Leo and Josephine Leitch of Bay City, Mich., Willard and Effie Leitch of Pineville, La., Ray and Barbara Leitch of Danville, Iowa, Richard and Nancy Leitch of Fort Wayne and Daniel Leitch of Ocala, Fla.; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Freida Leach of Garrett, Marcille and Joseph Leatherman of Albion, Joan Houser of Shipshewana and Rosalie and Keith Johnson of Elkhart; four granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Mary Ellen Leitch; and a brother, James Leitch.

Memorial services will be Saturday, March 29, at 11 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Austin W. Fergusson of Asbury United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church or American Lung Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Nichols

COLUMBIA CITY — Wayne A. Nichols, 72, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 5 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Nichols attended high school in Orland. He worked more than 30 years as a heavy-equipment operator and was employed by three different companies, retiring in 1993 from Fox Contractors Corp. of Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

He had lived in Whitley County since 1951. He served in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953 and was a member of American Legion Post 98. He enjoyed building kit cars and dune buggies.

He was born March 18, 1931, in Steuben County to Ford G. and Dorthea (Pennick) Nichols.

He married Deloris L. Schrader on Sept. 8, 1951, at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City. She died Dec. 18, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Nichols of Columbia City; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Debra and Robert Bennett, Kathy and Michael Webb and Lora and Jeff Herendeen, all of Columbia City; and Lisa England of Avilla; his grandchildren, Michelle and Barry Anderson of Churubusco, Justin England of Garrett, and Jenna and Ethan England of Avilla; a great-grandson, Quincy England of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, W. Dean and Marie Nichols of Angola; and a sister, Betty Berry of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Gerald Nichols and Ford Nichols.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial with military rites by American Legion Post 98 will be at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Whitley Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.demoney-grimes.com.

The Evening Star, Saturday, March 22, 2003

Clarence Best

AUBURN — Clarence E. Best, 73, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 9:17 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Best worked in assembly at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 40 years. He had lived in Auburn for 73 years.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving from 1946 to 1949.

He was a lifetime member of Garrett American Legion Post 178 and a member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1892, the Garrett Eagles 1357, Auburn Moose Lodge, F.O.P Fort Wayne, and UAW 164.

He was born Nov. 10, 1929, in Corunna to Oscar and Pearl (May) Best.

He married Mary L. Fluke on Jan. 24, 1953, in Garrett. She died Nov. 20, 1996.

Surviving are three brothers, Eugene Best of Albion, Norman Best of Indianapolis and Dick Best of Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Ralph Best, Donald Best and Howard Best, and two sisters, Helen Bassinger and Martha Rowe Rudnicki.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and V.F.W.

Memorials are to the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Sharon Embry

PLEASANT LAKE — Sharon Ann Embry, 61, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, March 21, 2003, at her sister's home in Clinton Township, Mich.

She was a house cleaner for Aldrich Builders in Angola and a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

She was born April 21, 1941, in Detroit, to Elmer J. and Beverly (McCabe) Smith. On Aug. 23, 1980, she married Stanley Embry, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 2001. A stepson, Randy Embry, died in 1987.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Keith and Phyllis Gravlin of Sugarhill, Ga., Christopher and Kathy Gravlin of Warren, Mich., and Daniel Gravlin of Sweetser, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Gary Moore of Marysville, Mich., and Kelly and Goff McMahon of of Cartersville, Ga.; a stepson, Michael Embry of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; and a stepdaughter, Susan St. John of Clinton Township, Mich.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Alfred Thomas

BRONSON, Mich. — Alfred H. Thomas, 69, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at his Bronson home.

He was the owner of Thomas Construction and a Korean War veteran, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division and later in the National Guard. He was a member of the Orland and Bronson American Legions, for which he served as commander. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

He was born April 4, 1933, in Byron, Mich., to Stanley W. and Margaret (Chamness) Thomas. On May 26, 1956, in Bronson, he married Mary Jane Nichols, and she survives in Bronson.

Also surviving are three sons, Joe, Greg and Tim Thomas, all of Orland; three brothers, Ralph of Orland, Dan of Burkville, Ala. and Fred of Elyria, Ohio; a sister, Sister Margaret Thomas of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A brother, Francis Thomas, and a sister, Mary Sharrett, preceded him in death.

A funeral Mass will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Bronson, with military rites by Bronson American Legion Post 259. Memorials are to Community Health Center of Branch County Hospice.

Earl Niccum

FORT WAYNE — Earl E. Niccum, 80, died Friday, March 21, 2003, at Golden Years Homestead.

He was a Delaware County native who retired in 1987 as a machinist at Dana Corp. after over 30 years of service. He formerly resided in New Haven and attended New Haven United Methodist Church. A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of American Legion Post 330.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel E. of Atlanta and Paul E. of New Haven; a daughter, Sally George of Leo-Cedarville; four brothers, Earnest and Donovan, both of New Haven, Leonard of Angola and Dwain of Fort Wayne; a sister, Beverly Lash of New Haven; and four grandchildren.

His wife, Ruth E., preceded in in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven, with calling one hour before services and from 2-6 p.m. today.

Burial with military rites will be in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven. Memorials are to the church or Heartland Hospice.

Diane Hansen

ANGOLA — Diane J. Hansen, 66, died Friday, March 21, 2003, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was the business manager for a wallpaper distributor, retiring in 1987.

She was born April 11, 1936, in Chicago, to John and Ann (Taylor) Buza.

Surviving are an aunt and six cousins.

A funeral Mass will be at a later date. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Freed

AUBURN — Clarence F. Freed, 98, died Friday, March 21, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare, Auburn.

He retired from the DeKalb County Highway Department in 1970. He attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Nov. 23, 1904, in DeKalb County, to Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed. On June 30, 1934, in Angola, he married Dorothy Clingan, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 29, 1989. A brother, Donald, and five sisters, Esther Leins, Pearl Mahon, Daley Schumck, Mary Hartman and Ava Crumb, are also deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Marven Jay, Stanley Lee and Lyle Gene Freed, all of Auburn; three brothers, Elmer and Robert Freed of Garrett and Howard Freed of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-granchild.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna. Memorials are to Wesley Healthcare, Auburn. E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Gladys Slone

AUBURN — Gladys Slone, 71, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and attended Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church and New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Sept. 23, 1931, in Pippa Passes, Ky., to Taylor and Mada (Huff) Watson. In 1948 in Hindman, Ky., she married Luther Slone, and he preceded her in death in 1966. A daughter, Joyce Ann Slone, two granddaughters, Jennifer Lynn and Jeanie Lee Slone, a brother, James E.L. Watson and a sister, Juanita Jacobs, are also deceased.

Surviving are four sons, three daughters-in-law and a son's fiancé, Luther Jr. and Tina Slone, Bob and Penny Slone and Bill Slone and Shelia Hamilton, all of Auburn, and Glen and Karen Slone of Corunna; a daughter, Catherine Slone of Auburn; a sister, Wanda Sexton of Auburn; her good friends Aaron Deckard, Cathy Sue Eads and Misty Capps; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna. Memorials are to Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

Randy Bowen

EDGERTON, Ohio — Randy J. Bowen, 33, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a Hicksville, Ohio, native and heavy equipment operator for Center Concrete and Stafford Sand & Gravel near Edgerton. He was an Edgerton High School graduate.

Surviving are his wife, Candi J.; children Randy and Cebrina, both at home; his mother and stepfather, Bonnie and Shawn Hoffman of Defiance; his stepmother, Cathy Bowen of Butler; and his grandparents, Vesta Bowen and Frank and Maralyn Cape, all of Edgerton.

His father, Rick, and grandfather, Roy, preceded him in death.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton. Memorials are to the family.

Samuel Closson

FORT WAYNE — Samuel T. Closson, 64, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was a salesman for Glenbrook Dodge and worked part-time for Hertz Rent-A-Car as a transporter. He was a long-time bartender for VFW Post 1421 and a member of Trier Ridge Community Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; two daughters, Kristina Closson and Malaina Dove, both of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Cynthia Houck of Angola; a son, Brent Rau of Continental, Ohio; a stepson, Vernon Dove of Atlanta; two sisters, Susan Closson of Avilla and Mary Elwood of New Haven; two brothers, Michael of Fort Wayne and Terry of Goshen; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services with military rites will be Monday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Malaina Dove Education Fund.

Edwin Davis

FORT WAYNE — Edwin E. Davis, 75, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Davis owned Customline Construction for 28 years, retiring in 1989. Prior to that, he had been employed by Capehart for eight years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 and American Legion Post 82. He lived in the community for 50 years.

He was born Aug. 26, 1927 in Decatur, Ill.

He married Audrey A. Davis on June 4, 1955. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are three daughters, Laura Davis Beard of Angola, Maureen Davis Arata of Fort Wayne and Julie Davis of Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren; and a brother, Bill Davis of Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post 82.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Delores Voelker

FORT WAYNE — Delores M. Stolte Voelker, 78, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, at 4:09 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Voelker retired in 1984 as credit manager of Evans Products in Fort Wayne, after 25 years of service. She was a member of Praise Lutheran Church and a past president of the Embassy Embassadors.

She was born Sept. 23, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Melvin and Arlene (Bilger) Winebrenner.

Her first husband, Robert Stolte, died in 1982.

Her second husband, Robert E. Voelker, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Diann M. Lapadot of Garrett; a son, Dennis R. Stolte of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, the Rev. Robert E. Voelker of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and William A. Voelker of San Francisco; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tracy Stolte, and a grandson, Adam Stolte.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Praise Lutheran Church, 1115 W. Dupont Road. The Rev. Fred Hearn will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery of Churubusco.

Calling is tonight from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Praise Lutheran Church building fund.

Fred Ball

HAMILTON — Fred F. Ball, 91, died Saturday morning, March 22, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ball had been a farmer and a factory worker, retiring from Dana Weatherhead of Angola. He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Oct. 6, 1911, in Auburn, to Herman and Viola (Roose) Ball.

He married Iva L. Zimmer. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry and Maureen Ball of Hamilton and Larry Ball of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Rick and Mary Kolczynski of Hamilton; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Cindy Robbins of Auburn and Gertrude Smith of Angola.

A brother, Woodrow Ball, and a sister, Dora Upton, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Oberlin-Fort Funeral Home-Hamilton, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton. The Rev. Larry Smith will officiate. Interment will follow in Hamilton Cemetery, with graveside military rites by the Angola VFW.

Calling is tonight from 7-9 and Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the grounds maintenance fund of Hamilton Cemetery.

The Evening Star, Monday, March 24, 2003

John Schoettmer Jr.

MARION — John Anthony "Tony" Schoettmer Jr., 44, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. in Marion.

Mr. Schoettmer worked as a certified auto body repairman with Watertight Exteriors of Marion. He lived in Warsaw from 1978 to 2001 and recently moved from Anderson to Marion.

He was a member of the UKC National Kennel Club, a member of the Catholic faith and a 1977 graduate of Madison Heights High School in Anderson.

He was born Dec. 16, 1958, in Anderson to John Anthony Schoettmer Sr., and Patricia (Liptow) Schoettmer. His parents survive in Silver Lake.

He married Virginia Rodriquez on Nov. 12, 1996. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John Anthony Schoettmer II of Silver Lake and Joshua Keith Schoettmer Sr. of Elkhart; one daughter, Causha Marie Schoettmer of Anderson; two stepsons, Harold Dale McCord Jr. and Ernest Gene McCord, both of Marion; one stepdaughter, Veronica Ann McCord of Marion; one grandson, Joshua Keith Schoettmer Jr. of Elkhart; one stepgrandson, Devon Blake Buttler of Elkhart; four brothers, Timothy Scott Schoettmer of Warsaw, Thomas Wayne Schoettmer of Fort Wayne, Terrance Allen Schoettmer of Claypool and Todd Joseph Schoettmer of Silver Lake; one sister-in-law, Susana Rodriquez of Anderson; three brothers-in-law, Rojelio Rodriguez Jr. and Roberto Rodriguez, both of Detroit, and Monico Pullin of Marion; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Juan and Soila Ybarra of Anderson; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

One sister, Therese Lynn Schoettmer, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Titus Funeral Home of Warsaw. Pastor Chad Burkhart will officiate. Cremation will follow the service.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Virginia Schoettmer, 5178 W. Rowland Lane, Silver Lake IN 46982.

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Vernon 'Gene' Stebing

AUBURN — Vernon "Gene" Stebing, 78, died Monday, March 24, 2003, at 6:17 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stebing was an insurance agent for Western Southern Life Insurance Co. for 23 years, retiring in 1984. He was a retired member of the Auburn Fire Department.

Mr. Stebing

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, Auburn. He volunteered at the Red Cross Bloodmobile and the DeKalb County Christmas Bureau. He was a DeKalb High School track and field volunteer and was an avid fan of DeKalb High School sports, especially of basketball.

He was a U.S. Army sergeant and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

He was born Oct. 6, 1924, in Auburn to Jacob and Maggie (Ferguson) Stebing.

He married Janice Thornburg on March 10, 1946, in Farmland, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Deb Stebing of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and David Wagoner of Kendallville and Cyndi and Bob Baker of Greenwood; a brother, Everett Stebing; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, June Stebing, and two brothers, George N. and Robert P. Stebing.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., with the Rev. William Kaster and the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A Masonic service will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, conducted by DeKalb Lodge 214.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb High School Athletic Association or the DeKalb Heart Fund.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

William Harrington

ANGOLA — William Harrington, 81, died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Harrington was a retired truck driver and a World War II Navy veteran. He attended many churches and was an ordained Pentecostal minister. He had lived for many years in Ray and Butler.

He was a graduate of Sturgis (Mich.) High School.

He was born Jan. 3, 1922, in Hillsdale, Mich., to William and Florence (Fowler) Harrington.

He married Phyllis Ilene Ray on May 19, 1944., She died Dec. 2, 1992.

Surviving are seven sons and six daughters-in-law, William Harrington and Robert and Carol Harrington, all of Montgomery, Mich., Barry and Beverly and Stephen and Sheryl Harrington, all of Angola, Kenneth and Janice Harrington of Frontier, Mich., Tracy and Carol and Alvin and Sherri Harrington, all of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Joe Grotz of New Jersey; a brother, Dale Harrington of Hillsdale; his former wife and best friend, Mary Didion of Angola; 37 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three daughters, Mary Lou, Martha Sue and Annabelle Harrington, and two grandsons, Stephen and William Harrington.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with Pastor Jim Hibbard officiating.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont. Military committal services will be conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodbridge Pentecostal Church of God, South Hillsdale Road, Camden, MI 49232.

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This obitary is being republished with new information about services.

Vernon 'Gene' Stebing

AUBURN — Vernon "Gene" Stebing, 78, died Monday, March 24, 2003, at 6:17 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stebing

Mr. Stebing was an insurance agent for Western Southern Life Insurance Co. for 23 years, retiring in 1984. He was a retired member of the Auburn Fire Department.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, Auburn. He volunteered at the Red Cross Bloodmobile and the DeKalb County Christmas Bureau. He was a DeKalb High School track and field volunteer and was an avid fan of DeKalb High School sports, especially of basketball.

He was a U.S. Army sergeant and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

He was born Oct. 6, 1924, in Auburn to Jacob and Maggie (Ferguson) Stebing.

He married Janice Thornburg on March 10, 1946, in Farmland, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Deb Stebing of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and David Wagoner of Kendallville and Cyndi and Bob Baker of Greenwood; a brother, Everett Stebing; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, June Stebing, and two brothers, George N. and Robert P. Stebing.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., with the Rev. William Kaster and the Rev. Paul Burris officiating.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A Masonic service will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, conducted by DeKalb Lodge 214.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb High School Athletic Association or the DeKalb Heart Fund.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Emily Patterson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Emily Patterson died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 12:40 a.m. at her home. She had been ill since June 2002.

Mrs. Patterson came from Germany and had lived in the area since 1964. She was a homemaker and attended St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

She was born in Hassloch, Germany, to Johannes and Margarethe (Bethke) Forstmann.

She married Tom Patterson on June 19, 1965, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Douglas Wolfe of Fort Wayne and Mary and Dave Bledsoe of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jordan, Isaiah and Hannah Bledsoe and Britiny and Ryan Wolfe; and three sisters, Lisa Kremer of Mehring, Germany, Auguste Sandfuchs of Nussdorf, Germany, and Helene Grant of Corsicana, Texas.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, May Ann Patterson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church of Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. A rosary service will begin at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery, Rome City.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being republished to correct errors.

Emily Patterson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Emily Patterson died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 12:40 a.m. at her home. She had been ill since June 2002.

Mrs. Patterson came from Germany and had lived in the area since 1964. She was a homemaker and attended St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

She was born in Hassloch, Germany, to Johannes and Margarethe (Bethke) Forstmann.

She married Tom Patterson on June 19, 1965, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Douglas Wolfe of Fort Wayne and Mary and Dave Bledsoe of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Jordan, Isaiah and Hannah Bledsoe and Britiny and Ryan Wolfe; three sisters, Lisa Kremer of Mehring, Germany, Auguste Sandfuchs of Nussdorf, Germany, and Helene Grant of Corsicana, Texas.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Mary Ann Patterson.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. A rosary will precede the service at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery, Rome City.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Masses or the church.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Daisy Kugler

GARRETT — Daisy L. Kugler, died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 4:32 p.m., in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mrs. Kugler was a homemaker and had lived in Garrett for 67 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born Dec. 6, 1916, in Noble County, to Virgil and Anna (McCoy) Snell.

On Aug. 18, 1936, she married Walter Kugler. He died Oct. 22, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Kugler of Ashley; two daughters, Vicky Temple of Hawaii and Karen Brown of Garrett; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Nelson Snell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or DeKalb County Hospice.

E-mail condolences to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Eston Rohm

AUBURN — Eston M. "Rummy" Rohm, 68, died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 8:55 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rohm

Mr. Rohm retired in 1995 after 25 years with Navistar. Since retirement, he had worked as an escort driver with Cardinal Escort Service.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and the Shifters Car Club.

He was born Oct. 27, 1934, in Auburn to Clyde Eston Rohm and Jessie "Jet" (Soule) Rohm.

He married Ramona Smith on Nov. 2, 1952, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dennis Rohm of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn Marie and Dean Schrader of St. Joe; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Howe of Auburn and Deanna and David Provines of Auburn; a stepsister, Marcy Steininger of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Ashley Marie and her husband, Alex Donalson, Nicholas Eston Schrader and Tia Esta Schrader.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. John Kinsey and the Rev. Ken Yingling will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene building fund or to Hope Lodge, 11432 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

The Evening Star, Saturday, March 29, 2003

Beatrice Cochran

KENDALLVILLE — Beatrice I. "Bea" Cochran, 86, died Friday, March 28, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Cochran

Before retiring in 1992, Mrs. Cochran was the owner and operator of The Cinderella, a women's clothing store in Kendallville. She was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 4, 1916, to Lyman and Lucille (Fleck) Hire in Whitley County. She graduated from Kendallville High School. She married George A. Cochran on Feb. 4, 1939, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Sept. 13, 2000.

She was survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Joyce Cochran of Ashley and Craig and Mara Cochran of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Charles Poyser of Wolcottville; a brother, Jack Hire of Lancaster, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Thomas Clothier will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www. hitefuneralhome.com.

Friday, March 28, 2003
NO LOCAL DEATHS

Richard Culbertson

AUBURN — Richard "Dick" Culbertson, 70, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly from Auburn, died at 1:55 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2003, in Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Fla.

On June 17, 1932, in DeKalb County, he was born to Ross and Agnes (Leis) Culbertson. He married Marlene Purdy on Aug. 1, 1953, in Auburn. She survives.

He was retired from Dana Corp., and a member of the Moose Lodge in Auburn and Sarasota.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry L. Culbertson, Sarasota, Fla., Ronald L. and Mary Culbertson, Auburn, and Scott L. and Kim Culbertson, Garrett; two brothers, Donald K. Culbertson, St. Joe, and Eugene "Gene" A. Culbertson, Kendallville; a sister, DeEtta Close, Auburn; and three grandchildren, Tim, Andy and Cailey Culbertson.

Two brothers, Paul and Arthur Culbertson; and a sister, Wilma Beuchel, preceeded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

LeRoy Rigg

BUTLER — LeRoy B. Rigg, 85, of Butler, died at 10:05 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2003, at his residence.

On Sept.. 18, 1917, in Auburn, he was born to Phillip and Anetta (Myers) Rigg. He married Leon Wallace on May 8, 1937, in Auburn. She survives.

He was a machine operator for Warner Gear Corp. in Auburn for 33 years and retired in 1975. He also worked for the Culligan Water Service in Auburn and Albright Corp. in Waterloo.

Mr. Rigg was a member of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene, and served as Sunday School superintendent for 30 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: a son, Dale Rigg, Butler, and three grandchildren, Eric, Morgan and Brianna Rigg.

A daughter, Barbara Rigg, and a sister, Pearl Keesler, preceeded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Smith officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Lake Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene.

Peggy Meade

WOLF LAKE — Peggy D. Meade, 44, of Wolf Lake, died Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Kendallville Manor Health Care, Kendallville.

On Oct. 4, 1958, in Huntington, she was born to Henry and Mary (Campbell) Meade.

Surviving are: a brother, Lynn Campbell, Larwll; a sister, Rose Howe, Elkhart; two nieces, Dawn Meade, Wolf Lake, and Carrie Salazar, Ligonier; a great nephew, Derek Meade, Wolf Lake; and a great niece, Daleyna Meade, Wolf Lake.

A sister, Karen E. Farmer, preceeded her in death.

There is no funeral service or visitation.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Lavonne Cory

LIGONIER — Lavonne B. Cory, 84, died Sunday, March 30, 2003, at 5:45 p.m. at Oak Leaf Village.

Mrs. Cory was a lifetime area resident. She had worked for Master Garment Co., Kidd & Co., and retired from American State Bank in 1982. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and Samaritan Circle. She was president of the Rural Letter Carriers Auxiliary and served on the library board.

She was born Oct. 21, 1918, in Goshen to Joseph and Prudance (Fuller) Lepird.

She married Melvin R. Cory on Nov. 4, 1945, in Ligonier Methodist Church. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Randall and Vickie Cory of Syracuse; a sister, Jeanette Conner of Arizona; a half-brother, Ted Lepird of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Sarah of Syracuse; a stepgranddaughter, Erina Quackenbush of Garrett; a stepgrandson, Andrew Finnigan of Schaumburg, Ill.; and step-great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Michael and Kali.

A brother, Burl Lepird, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be Monday, April 7, 2003, at 1 p.m. at Oak Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. A procession will leave Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home at 12:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the United Parkinson Foundation, 833 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607.

Jack Winebrenner

AUBURN — Jack Winebrenner, 73, died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at 6:47 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Winebrenner was retired after working 30 years at Auburn Foundry and 10 years for Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co.

Mr. Winebrenner

He loved Indiana University basketball, feeding and watching the birds and walking and being with his dogs.

He was born June 17, 1929, in Dekalb County to Orvie and Ruth (Malone) Winebrenner.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie (Smith) Winebrenner; three sons, David Winebrenner and Denis Winebrenner, both of Auburn, and Darly Winebrenner, stationed in Hawaii; a stepson, Kelley Kelly of Auburn; four stepdaughters, Diane Perna of North Andover, Mass., Vickie Rinehart of Alameda, Calif., Roberta Boyden of Eugene, Ore., and Loretta Benner of Auburn; two brothers, Harold Winebrenner of Pines, Ariz., and Robert Winebrenner of Mercer, Calif.; four sisters, Bettie Kimmel of Fort Wayne, Helen Dennison of Auburn, Esther Pfeiffer of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and Carol German of Decatur, Ill.; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ross and Carl Winebrenner, and four sisters, Edith Days, Viola Winebrenner, Josephine Acker and Dorothy Acker.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the International Red Cross to be used as calling cards for service people overseas.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@feller-funeralhome.net.

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Charles Wurm

FORT WAYNE — Charles R. Wurm, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Born in Paulding, Ohio, he was a drafting designer at Rea Magnet Wire, retiring in 1986 after 26 years.

His wife, Patricia M., died in 1978.

Surviving are a son, Richard, of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Vincent of Lake James, Donald of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Victor of Monroeville; two sisters, Kathryn Haessly of Cleveland and Marilyn Molargik of Garrett; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Ronald A. Wurm.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard and Randallia Drive, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to Masses or Easter Seals for Children.

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Surviving are his wife, Marjorie (Smith) Winebrenner; three sons, David Winebrenner and Denis Winebrenner, both of Auburn, and Daryl Winebrenner, stationed in Hawaii; a stepson, Kelley Kelly of Auburn; four step-daughters, Diane Perna of North Andover, Mass., Vickie Rinehart of Alameda, Calif., Roberta Boyden of Eugene, Ore., and Loretta Benner of Auburn; two brothers, Harold Winebrenner of Pines, Ariz., and Robert Winebrenner of Mercer, Calif.; four sisters, Bettie Kimmel of Fort Wayne, Helen Dennison of Auburn, Esther Pfeiffer of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and Carol German of Decatur, Ill.; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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Dr. Harland Hippensteel Jr.

AUBURN — Dr. Harland Virgil Hippensteel Jr., 80, died Friday, March 28, 2003, at his farm southwest of Auburn.

Dr. Hippensteel was a family practice physician in Auburn for 53 years. He served as chief of staff at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in 1974. He was a 1946 graduate of Indiana University Medical School.

Dr. Hippensteel

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association, DeKalb County Medical Society, the Rotary Club, American Legion Post 97, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau and Greenhurst Country Club.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a second lieutenant and division medical officer of eight destroyers in the Pacific.

He was known for his generosity and gave $100 each to babies he had delivered when they graduated from high school. He donated to many schools and humanitarian organizations and donated medical supplies to medical missions in Russia and India.

He was born Nov. 5, 1922, in South Bend, to Harland Virgil Hippensteel Sr. and Irma McConnell Hippensteel.

He married Rosemary Knull of North Manchester on Aug. 19, 1945. She died Jan. 18, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, C. Ellen Hippensteel Hefty of Auburn; five sons, Tim Hippensteel of Kirkwood, Mo., Harland "Hal" Hippensteel of Fairbanks, Alaska, Sam Hippensteel and Jeff Hippensteel, both of Auburn, and Dan Hippensteel of Fort Wayne; a brother, Joseph R. Hippensteel of North Manchester; a sister, Dr. Janet Merrill of Dallas; 12 grandchildren, Morgan, Myles and Jamie Hefty of Auburn, Stefan and Todd Hippensteel of St. Louis, Carter Hippensteel of Fairbanks, Alaska, Sammy Hippensteel of Garrett, Elise Hippensteel of Auburn, Abigail, Olivia Rose and Benjamin Hippensteel of Fort Wayne and Luke Hippensteel of Fort Wayne; and one great-grandchild, Paxton Hefty of Waterloo; nine nieces and nephews; nine cousins; his faithful office staff of Evelyn George and Annette Swank; and many patients and friends.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James McConnell Hippensteel and Mark Owen Hippensteel.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. His brother-in-law, Dr. Eugene H. Merrill, distinguished professor of Old Testament studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, the Willennar Genealogy Center of Eckhart Public Library, or the Manchester College Library Fund.

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Evelyn Haines

AUBURN — Evelyn L. Haines, 81, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at 11 p.m. at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Everett Haines.

Service arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Thor Morgan

ITHACA, Mich. — Thor J. Morgan, 53, of Ithaca, Mich., died Monday, March 31, 2003, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

Born May 24, 1949, in Monroe, Mich., he married Suzanne Margaret in Toledo on May 27, 1967. He served as a minister to various churches throughout Ohio.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Michael of Butler and Robert of Cleveland; two daughters, Bernadette Morgan and Veronica Williams, both of Butler; a brother, Harold Sandman of Toledo; two sisters, Joan Kolhafer of Toledo and Florence Mulligan of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint, Mich., with Pastor Jack Bowen officiating. Burial will be in Crestwood Cemetery, Grand Blanc, Mich.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday from noon-3 and 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Howard Hess

HUNTERTOWN — Howard M. "Snuffy" Hess, 74, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hess

Mr. Hess was a machine repairman with Dana Corp. for 32 years, retiring in 1982. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean War. He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1945 and was a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

He was born in Avilla.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Hess of Huntertown; two daughters and one son-in-law, Anita and Tom Hoot and Kathy Hess, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip P. and Diane Hess of Huntertown; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two brothers, Merlyn and George Hess Jr., both of Huntertown; and three sisters, Ruth Heffelfinger of Auburn, Helen "Eileen" Stein of Fort Wayne and Lois Diehm of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard, Donald and Merton Hess; and one sister, Genevieve Carson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 11228 Coldwater Road. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Beautiful Savior Lutheran School.

Dale Loutzenhiser Jr.

GARRETT — Dale L. Loutzenhiser Jr., 71, died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at 10:22 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Loutzenhiser was a lifetime resident of Garrett. He retired from Mossberg Industries in 1995 after 46 years of service. He also worked for the Garrett Historical Society.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett, the Garrett post of the American Legion, the Baltimore & Ohio Historical Society and the Greater Mid Continent Model Railroad Club.

He was born May 7, 1931, in Garrett to Dale Loutzenhiser Sr. and Treva (Cain) Loutzenhiser. They preceded him in death.

He married Hilda Clark on April 12, 1953, in Santa Ana, Calif. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Paula Conrad of Garrett; a son, Tim Loutzenhiser of Holland, Mich.; two granddaughters, Jennifer Hout of Fort Wayne and Julie Baker of Garrett; four grandsons, Adam Loutzenhiser of Portage, Mich., Brian Hout of Fort Wayne, Derek Loutzenhiser of Holland, Mich., and Kirk Conrad of Garrett; and two great-granddaughters, Alexis Baker of Garrett and Caitlyn Boylan of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Evelyn Haines

AUBURN — Evelyn L. Haines, 81, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at 11:10 p.m. at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Haines was a homemaker and a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 29, 1921, in Warsaw to Levi Earl Sechrist and Ruth Mable (Schooley) Sechrist.

She married the Rev. Everett Haines on May 12, 1943, in Warsaw. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Martha Albert of Fort Wayne, Nancy Haines of Auburn and Rebecca Flener of New Haven; four grandchildren, Mark Albert, Michael Albert, Jenna Flener and Kristin Flener; and two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Austin Albert.

Her parents and a brother, Lewis Sechrist, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemtery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Phyllis DeLucenay

ASHLEY — Phyllis Jean DeLucenay, 73, died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at the Adult Foster Care Home in Quincy, Mich.

Mrs. DeLucenay

Mrs. DeLucenay worked at Modernair Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo.

She was born June 6, 1929, in Monroe to Albert and Mable (Bergman) McKean.

She married Earl F. DeLucenay on Aug. 7, 1948, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Greg Peterson of Fremont; two brothers, Don McKean of Auburn and Wayne McKean of Leo; four sisters, Shirley McKean of Dayton, Ohio, Thelma Szeman of Hamilton, Janet Snyder of Auburn and Rita Wallenberg of Angola; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Her parents and one brother preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Michael's Catholic Church. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Coldwater Hospice and St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

The Evening Star, Thursday, April 3, 2003

Pearl Zook

NORTH MANCHESTER — Pearl P. Zook, 95, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at 3:50 p.m. at Timbercrest Retirement Community.

Mrs. Zook

She was born June 4, 1907, in Lancaster Township of Huntington County. She worked as a clerical secretary at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 27 years.

She belonged to the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne. She was a former member of various groups in the church and the Amicus Club of Fort Wayne.

She married Carl E. Zook on Sept. 10, 1927. He died Oct. 11, 1992.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Glenice and Herman Seigel of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Mari Etta Zook of Tampa, Fla.; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son and one daughter.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester, with Chaplain Joan Deeter and the Rev. Glenn Mulligan officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery of Huntington County.

Calling is at the Timbercrest Chapel one-half hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Timbercrest Retirement Community, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester IN 46962, or the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814.

The DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary of North Manchester is in charge of arrangements.

Madelyn Smith

FORT WAYNE — Madelyn LeBeau Smith, 90, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at 5:50 p.m. at The Towne House retirement home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith

She was a homemaker and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1946. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

She was born Dec. 4, 1912, in Elsie, Mich., to Anna May (Schwark) and Mac Leo LeBeau.

She is survived by her husband, William M. Smith of Fort Wayne; three sons, William M. Smith Jr. of Corunna, Robert M. Smith of Madison Heights, Va., and Lawrence E. Smith of Noblesville; 11 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at The Towne House, 2209 St. Joe Center Road, Fort Wayne, with Chaplain Melvin Phillips and the Rev. John Gardner officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Towne House.

A private burial service will take place in Fairview Cemetery at Bell Center, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Towne House Chapel fund.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

The Evening Star, Friday, April 4, 2003

Glenn Foulk

AUBURN — Glenn H. Foulk, 80, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Foulk worked at Moore Business Forms of Angola as a printer from 1965 until he retired in 1985. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He moved from Angola to Auburn in June 2002.

He was born March 16, 1923, in Ray to Glenn and Ursa (Bailey) Foulk.

He married LaVonne I. Lash on May 26, 1973, in Coldwater, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Susan Schroeder of Dayton, Ohio, and Nanette Hiesrodt of Tekonsha, Mich.; three stepsons, Gary Greenwood of Butler, Terry Greenwood of Hudson and Jeffrey Filipow of California; one stepdaughter, Vicki Meyer of Auburn; one brother, Harold Foulk of Angola; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Ken Ludwig will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

Marjorie Januseski

GARRETT — Marjorie Januseski, 82, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at 9:15 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center of Angola.

Mrs. Januseski was a lifetime resident of Garrett before moving to the nursing home.

She worked for 20 years as a factory laborer at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, General Electric in Fort Wayne, Messenger Corp. in Auburn and Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Rosary Society, Daughters of Isabella and the Garrett Eagles.

She was born Sept. 2, 1920, in Garrett to Fred and Bernice (Rugman) Ballentine.

She married Francis "Frank" Januseski on June 21, 1947, in Garrett. He died Sept. 2, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Margo Lewis of Angola and Nedra Bonham of Columbus, Ind.; a son, Anthony Januseski of Garrett; eight grandchildren; and a brother, William Ballentine of Indianapolis.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Josephine Flint and June Ballentine, and two brothers, James and Robert Ballentine.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Monday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 3-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities for Parkinson's disease.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net

MIDDLEBURY — **Sara Rose Miller**, 9 months and 31 days old, died Friday at 8:44 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital Emergency Room. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at the family's residence, 11659 C.R. 116, Middlebury. Calling today after noon and all day Sunday at family's residence.

ORLAND — **William H. Poffenberger**, 86, Orland, died Thursday at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Kevin Palmer officiating, and will be followed by military services conducted by members of the Orland American Legion. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne, at noon Monday.

Douglas Thatcher

FORT WAYNE — Douglas James Thatcher, 92, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, in Fort Wayne.

He was a New Haven native who retired as a firefighter for the city of Fort Wayne in 1968 after 23 years of service. He wa a member of International Association of Firefighters and Firefighters Museum. At age 65, he sailed a 14-foot boat from Madison, Ind., on the Ohio River, down the Missippi River to New Orleans and eventually Clearwater, Fla.

Surviving are three sons, Bill J. of Fort Wayne, Dennis L. of Sacramento, Calif., and James E. of Avilla; a daughter, Marilyn J. McIlveen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

His wife, Margaret J., preceded him in death.

There were private, family services. Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

George Russell

AUBURN — George D. Russell, 87, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at Smith Manor Farms in Auburn.

He was a 30-year U.S. Navy officer, retiring as a captain in 1971. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kissimmee, Fla.

He was born Sept. 16, 1915, in Willard, Ohio, to Ernest and Alice (Bigham) Russell. On Nov. 5, 1941 in Mansfield, Ohio, he married Elaine Andrews, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Diane Russell of Fairfax, Va., and Jeremy and Donna Russell of Lawrenceburg, Ind.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary and Greg Stanley of Gainsville, Va., and Kris Cicio of Alexandria, Va.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Phillip Foley Jr.

FREMONT — Phillip J. Foley Jr., 78, died Friday, April 4, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

He was a fireman for the city of Chicago, retiring in 1978, and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, the 40 and 8, George Anspaugh VFW Post No. 7205 and the Fremont Moose Lodge.

He was born Nov. 28, 1924, in Chicago, to Phillip J. and Constance (Guppy) Foley Sr. On Aug. 5, 1985, he married Mary McGinty, and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are five sons, Peter of Chicago, John of Kansas City, Mo., James of Sturgis, S.D., Sean of Alsip, Ill. and Phillip J. III, on active military duty in Kuwait; a daughter, Patricia Claus of Chicago; a stepson, John Clifton of Rome City; a stepdaughter, Lynda Budd of Pleasant Lake; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Marguerite Foley, preceded him in death in 1983.

Private family services will be at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Jerald Kistler

PLEASANT LAKE — Jerald L. "Jerry" Kistler, 66, of Pleasant Lake, died today, April 7, 2003, at his home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson.

Katherine Jump

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Katherine M. Jump, 98, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, in Haines City, Fla.

Mrs. Jump was a homemaker and had retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne. She moved from Hicksville to Haines City in 1995.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Haines City, Loyal Workers, Jolly Elders Club and the Bryan Chapter Order of Eastern Star. She was a former member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville.

She was born July 25, 1904, in DeKalb County to Frank and Cora (Sechler) Curie.

She married Perry Jump on June 5, 1925. He died in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, June and Calvin Cotrell of Haines City.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Frank, Charles and Herbert Curie; and four sisters, Lucille Frederick, Mary Jane Brown, Ruth Moore and Grace Cook.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Carlton Curie will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery of Allen County.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church of Hicksville.

Dishmon Combs

KENDALLVILLE — Dishmon Combs, 57, died Friday, April 4, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Combs was a pressman for Maverick Molding in Garrett. He attended New Hope Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He was born March 3, 1946, in Perry County, Ky., to McKinley and Tilda (Adkins) Combs.

He married Barbara S. Dunn on Aug. 17, 1967, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tracy Combs of Hudson, Steven and Angel Combs of North Webster and Robert and Kristin Combs of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Darrel Jacobs of Kendallville; a brother, Eugene Combs of Cincinnati; three sisters, Gertrude Lowe of Danville, Ill, Margi Belle Slone of Blackie, Ky., and Leona Couch of Hazard, Ky.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by nine sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, with Pastor Jeffrey Hipley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday after 2 p.m. in the church at the intersection of Noble C.R. 500E and S.R. 8.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Valette Carver

HARLAN — Valette Vivian Carver, 80, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Carver worked as a bartender in Hicksville, Ohio, for 30 years. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary of Hicksville. She graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1938.

She was born July 2, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Lloyd and Lydia (Bultemier) Heisler.

She married Charles O. Carver in 1938 at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Donald and Skip, both of Harlan; four daughters, Judy Miller of St. Joe, Sandy Petrie of Reading, Mich., and Nancy Fitzsimmons and Vonda Hitzeman, both of Hicksville; one sister, Gladys McDiffit of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

One grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home with an Eagles Auxiliary service today at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of DeKalb County.

Christiana Schlosser

WATERLOO — Christiana Marie Schlosser, 89, died Sunday, April 6, 2003, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Schlosser was a homemaker, a lifelong resident of Waterloo and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo.

She was born July 25, 1913, in Waterloo to Fredrick and Anna (Shoudel) Gfeller.

She married Paul Schlosser on Aug. 7, 1934. He died March 4, 1977.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Pamela Schlosser of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda M. and James Johnson of Auburn; four grandchildren, Tony Johnson, James Johnson, Jaisen Zentz and Brian Johnson; and three grandchildren, Anissa Johnson, Zakkairy Johnson and Josephine Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

John Draper

ASHLEY — John L. Draper, 41, died Friday, April 4, 2003, from injuries he sustained as the result of an accident at a job site in Blackstone, Mass.

Mr. Draper had been employed with Swager Communications of Fremont for most of his life.

A lifelong resident of the Fremont and Kinderhook, Mich., area, he was an avid outdoorsman and loved climbing. He was a former member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 469.

He was born Jan. 9, 1962, in Fort Knox, Ky., to Lloyd Draper Jr. and Joyce (Cleveland) Draper. His father survives in Bronson, Mich. His mother died in 1980.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brittany Marie Draper of Fremont; a brother, Gary Allen Draper of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters, Beverly Draper of Sturgis, Mich., and Lou Nivison of Sherwood, Mich.; five stepbrothers and five stepsisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) Wednesday at Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich. The Rev. Kim Cole of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Coldwater will officiate. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery of Kinderhook Township.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family's online guestbook at www.dutcherfh.com.

Jerald Kistler

PLEASANT LAKE — Jerald L. "Jerry" Kistler, 66, died Monday, April 7, 2003, at 2:51 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Kistler retired from McMahon Tire Co. in 1999 after 22 years of service.

He was a member of the Ashley Church of God and a former member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 16, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Ernest and Thelma (Smitley) Kistler.

His first wife, Judith Ann Kistler, died in 1997.

He married M. June Compton on May 8, 1999, in the Ashley Church of God. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Ernest and Della Kistler of Olympia, Wash.; three sons, Joel Kistler Sr. of Butler and Jeff Kistler and Jon Kistler, both of Kendallville; a daughter, Jeanine Rhoads of Butler; a stepson, Edward Gillespie of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Doni Jun Baum of Ashley; a sister, Tomi Eileen Mullins of Berea, Ky.; three half-brothers, Terry, Ernest and Richard Kistler of Olympia, Wash.; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a sister, Carol June Kistler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Ashley Church of God. The Rev. Dean Snyder and the Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery near Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Jane Niles

AUBURN — Jane K. Niles, 79, died Sunday, April 6, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Miss Niles

She worked as a nursing instructor for 36 years, retiring in 1989. She graduated from Auburn High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1950, then received a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in 1965.

She was a member of Phi Lambda Theta Honorary and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honorary, a 50-year pin holder with Order of Eastern Star and a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She was born March 25, 1924, in Auburn to Fred and Wanda (Marshall) Niles.

She is survived by many friends in the community.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at noon.

Memorials are to the Order of Eastern Star in Auburn.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Mary Smyth

BUTLER — Mary Katherine "Kay" Smyth, 59, died Monday, April 7, 2003, at 5:45 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Smyth worked as a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 10 years.

She was born July 17, 1943, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Mary Jane (Strauss) Gillie. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Hamilton.

She married James Smyth on Oct. 12, 1983, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jason Smyth and Roger Smyth, both of Butler; five daughters, Susan Choate of Hemet, Calif., Julie Janiga of Angola, Karla Kimpel of Fort Wayne, Kim Reed of Butler and Tracy Smith of Waterloo; a brother, James Gillie of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sherry Thain of Hamilton; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Daniel Eckart of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Friends Cancer Survivors.

Alberta Bowser

FORT WAYNE — Alberta I. Bowser, 91, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at University Park Nursing Center.

Mrs. Bowser worked in food services for GTE for 15 1/2 years and was a homemaker and a loving and kindhearted mother. She was a member of Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ church. She taught Sunday school and belonged to the Missionary Society of the church.

Mrs. Bowser

She was born June 11, 1911, in Butler.

Her husband, Rolland M. Bowser, preceded her in death in 1989.

Surviving are five daughters, Ann E. Turner of Huntington, Eva A. Gordon of Wolcottville, Leola M. (Johnson) Nelson of Fort Wayne, Dorotha I. Miller of Avon and Phyllis J. Archer of Huntertown; nine grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ church, 12628 Coldwater Road. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ church.

Sonya Brady

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Sonya Olive Brady, 66, died March 31, 2003, at the home of her sisters in Buena Park, Calif., after a four-year battle with breast cancer.

A former resident of Butler, she was a draftswoman and Realtor and an active member of Knott Avenue Christian Church.

She was born Dec. 14, 1936, on a farm near Barnes, Kan., to Rudolph and Wanda (Knape) Brade.

Her family moved to northeastern Indiana in 1941 and to Butler in 1944.

She spent most of her childhood and young adult life in Butler, moving to Los Angeles in 1962.

She married Merle C. Brady Jr. on Sept. 19, 1970. He survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Wanda F. Brade and Marjorie E. Brade, both of Buena Park, Calif.

Services were held Saturday at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to brade3@fea.net.

Orlo 'Bud' Carpenter

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Orlo W. "Bud" Carpenter, 79, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 11:36 a.m. in Community Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Carpenter attended New Haven High School and served in the U.S. Navy Special Forces during World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Eagles of Paulding, Ohio.

He retired in 1984 from Dana Corp. at Auburn.

He was born Sept. 16, 1923, in New Haven to Leonard and Mae (Longardner) Carpenter.

He married Connie Mae Ayers on April 4, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Sue Carpenter of Auburn, Richard and Jo Carpenter of Antwerp, Ohio, and Gordon Carpenter of Butler; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Karen Carpenter of Waterloo, Sherry and Tom Ellert of Waterloo, Debra Wainwright of Hicksville and Lori and Tim Shuman of Waterloo; 16 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild; four sisters and one brother.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, in addition to his parents and wife.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) Friday in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with a military service. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville at a later date.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home, with an Eagles service at 6 p.m.

The Evening Star, Thursday, April 10, 2003

William 'Bill' Harris

HAMILTON — William "Bill" Harris, 63, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at his home near Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton owned a local business, Bill's Repair, for the last 25 years. He also was a school bus driver for Hamilton Community Schools.

He was a member and former president of the Hamilton Lions Club and a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

He was born Aug. 14, 1939.

Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Kathleen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Andrew and Monica Harris of Hamilton, Phillip and Gretchen Harris of Lewisville and Allen Harris of Berne; nine grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Peggy Jackson of Pleasant Lake and Marilyn and Lyle Bates of Spartanburg, S.C.

A homecoming celebration service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. Interment will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Charleen Lash

AVILLA — Charleen L. Lash, 85, died Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 12:48 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lash

Mrs. Lash was a homemaker and lifelong resident of the Avilla community. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was born July 12, 1917, in Decatur to John and Mary (Smith) Wilson.

She married Albert F. Lash on May 12, 1938, in St. Mary's Catholic Church. He died Oct. 22, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Steve Sims of Garrett and Beth and Gail Allread of Brownsburg; four sons, Fred of Pittsburgh, Pa., Dennis of Angola, Jeffery of LaGrange and Samuel of Rome City; 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Traxler of Goshen; and a sister-in-law, Bertha Wilson of Payne, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Louise Ladig; and two brothers, Deward and Woodrow Wilson.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a rosary service at 7 p.m., in Brazzell Funeral Home at Avilla and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church or St. Mary's School.

Willis Miller

SPENCERVILLE — Willis A. Miller, 78, of rural Spencerville, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 4:57 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller had retired from Harlan Cabinet Co. after 32 years of service as a custom cabinet maker. He was a charter member of North Leo Mennonite Church.

He was born May 9, 1924, at Leo to Andrew S. and Emma (Stuckey) Miller.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor (Warner) Miller; a daughter, Gloria Smith of Spencerville; a son, Gary Miller of Spencerville; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Danny; a sister, Ruth Miller, and a brother, Elmer Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in North Leo Mennonite Church. Pastor Doug Zehr will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the North Leo Mennonite Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Carlos Delacruz Sr.

LARWILL — Carlos Delacruz Sr., 73, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 9:45 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Delacruz was a farmer and moved to Larwill in 1964. He was a sports enthusiast and coached coed softball.

He was born March 14, 1930, in Elcampo, Texas, to Carlos and Eloisa (Rodriguez) Delacruz.

On Jan. 3, 1949, he married Elvira Ramos. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law Fred and Juli Delacruz of Butler, Gene and Bridget Delacruz of Syracuse, and Carlos Delacruz Jr. of Larwill; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary and Richard Gaerte of Pierceton, Esther Black of Pierceton, Virginia and Tom Halsey of Syracuse and Eloise and Terry Cassidy of North Webster; a sister, Olivia Ramos of Edinburg, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Santos and Helen Delacruz of Baycliff, Texas; and several nieces and nephews from Michigan and Texas.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lilly, a son, Juan, and a grandson.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot.

Memorials are to the Down's Syndrome Foundation

The Evening Star, Saturday, April 12, 2003

ALBION — **Raymond Stump**, 91, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. Services Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Wolf Lake Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas. Visitation 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, and one hour before the service at the church.

Phyllis May Harter

AUBURN — Phyllis May Harter, 86, died at 6:36 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the home of her daughter at Cedar Lake, Howe.

Mrs. Harter

She was born Aug. 18, 1916, in LaGrange County, to Carl and May (Scott) Willard. She married Ernest Harter Sept. 15, 1937, in Columbia City. He died Aug. 7, 1962.

Mrs. Harter was a nurse at Souder Hospital in Auburn and in the office of Dr. Harry Covell from 1962 until 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Carl Harter of San Jose, Calif., and Peter Harter of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Nancy George, South Bend, and Miriam Carnahan, Howe; a sister, Louise Payne, St. Petersburg, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ransom, Carl and Joe Willard.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett. Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Evelyn Jewel

AUBURN — Evelyn M. Jewel, 85, died at 2:15 a.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Jewel

She was born July 13, 1917, in Detroit, to Albert P. and Carrie (White) Steiger. She married the Rev. G. Raymond Jewel March 13, 1938, in East Detroit, Mich. He died May 10,1984.

Mrs. Jewel worked in the insurance department at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, 26-1/2 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, Ambassadors Club of Parkview Hospital, and was a licensed minister with the United Brethren Church in the 1940s. She was valedictorian of her class at Anchor Bay Bible Institute, Anchor Bay, Mich.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna M. Clark, Spencerville; two sons, Donald Ray Jewel, Auburn, and David B. Jewel, North Royalton, Ohio; three grandchildren, Douglas Jewel, Eleanore Ramsey and Jonathan Jewel; three step-grandchildren, Thomas Clark, Nancy Gruber and Barbara Merkle; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald L. Jewel; and three brothers, Clarence Reliford, Arthur C. and Albert P. Steiger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Convoy IOOF Cemetery, Convoy, Ohio.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons. E-mail condolences to: sympathy @fellerfuneralhome.net.

Daniel L. Harley Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Daniel L. Harley Sr., 87, died Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Harley

He was born June 16, 1915, in Bourbon, to George and Millie (Gaskill) Harley. He married Kathleen R. Conrad July 25, 1941, in Noble County. She died Aug. 20, 1986.

A graduate of Atwood High School, he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He had worked at Flint & Walling Manufacturing, Kendallville and Bowser in Fort Wayne. He retired from Kraft Foods, Kendallville, after 20 years in the maintenance department.

He was a member of the National Association of Uniformed Services, American Legion Post 86 and Veterans of Foreign Wars 2647 in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Donald Miller, Kendallville; a son and his companion, Daniel L. Harley and Carol Flint, Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Kay Harley of Syracuse and Walter and Nell Harley of Holly, Florida; a sister-in-law, Clara Harley of Aransas Pass, Texas; four grandchildren, Rhonda Baker, Rachelle Gleason, Trina Amburgey, Melanie Perkins and Ron Miller; and 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He also was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with burial in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville. Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com

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The Evening Star, Monday, April 14, 2003

Ross Bair

KENDALLVILLE — Ross W. Bair, 88, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bair was a mechanic for J.R. Stonebraker and Evers Motor Sales in Kendallville and was part owner of Kendallville Hardware for many years until it closed. He then worked in hardware for J.O. Mory in South Milford until his retirement.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a past member of F.&A.M. Lodge 276 and a past member of the Lions Club, all in Kendallville. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born June 5, 1914, in Hudson to Royal and Catherine (McClish) Bair.

He married Wilma Hay on March 5, 1938, in Rochester. She survives.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Church in Kendallville or Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Anita Pebworth

ANGOLA — Anita I. Pebworth, 74, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mrs. Pebworth was the former owner of Color-Mart in California and also owned and operated a laundromat in California. She was a payroll disbursement clerk for the Marine Corps in California.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

She was born March 13, 1929, in Chicago to Raymond and Winnifred (Davis) Combs.

Her husband, James "Dub" Williams, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Scott of Hamilton; a son, Roy Richard Whidby of Sumner, Calif.; a companion, Gerald "Zeke" Zerkel of Angola; and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Cindy Whidby, and a brother, Ray Combs.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or Steuben County Cancer Society.

Michael Barth

AUBURN — Michael R. Barth, 57, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Barth

Mr. Barth worked as a corporate division purchasing agent for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Auburn Lions Club and the Clear Lake Association. He was a 1965 graduate of Avilla High School. He attended the Fort Wayne Art Institute and was a graduate of Oakland Community College.

He was born Dec. 31, 1945, in Brighton, England, to Rodney N. and Elizabeth (Ewen) Barth. His father survives in Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.

He married Mary Ann Pepple on Jan. 15, 1966, in LaOtto. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Gregory Barth and Julie Barth of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jonathan D. and Lisa Barth of Auburn; two brothers, Steve Barth of Auburn and Robert Barth of Richmond; a sister, Deb Underwood of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Christman and Caroline Barth.

Services will be Thursday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Father Daniel Leeuw and the Rev. Deacon Gordon Samra will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Michael Barth Art Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Charles Klink

ASHLEY — Charles A. Klink, 71, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Klink was a retired Steuben County farmer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423, and was a board member of the Steuben County Rural Electric Membership Corp. for 21 years. He belonged to the Steuben County Antique Steam and Gas Engine Club. He enjoyed traveling.

He was born Feb. 18, 1932, in Salem Center, to Wayne E. and Lilly May (Feeney) Klink.

He married Evalene Davis on Feb. 13, 1954, in Reno, Nev. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Charles A. Jr. of Angola, Bruce A. of Ashley, Kurtis W. of Barstow, Calif., Fred D. of Garrett and Jeffrey S. of Hudson; a daughter, Vickie Lynn Little of Puyallup, Wash.; five brothers, Michael of Tarpon Springs, Fla., Richard C. of Angola, Wayne Jr. of Ashley, George of South Milford and Kelley of Angola; five sisters, Mable Bowers of Fillmore, Calif., Linda Buss of Bad Axe, Mich., Mary Rhinehart of Ashley, Ruth Ann Rowlison of Cadiz, Ky. and Lillie Lou Till of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Craig E. Burkholder officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans or Riley Hospital for Children.

The Evening Star

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

Randolph Duff Jr.

GARRETT — Randolph H. Duff Jr., 79, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at 1:45 p.m. at his home in Garrett.

Mr. Duff was a printer in Washington, D.C., until his retirement in 1985. He had lived in Garrett for 17 years and was a bus driver for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school system for 12 years, retiring in 2000.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He was born Nov. 17, 1923, on Long Island, N.Y., to Randolph H. Duff Sr. and Mildred (Case) Duff.

He married Roberta E. Ross Scott on March 25, 1977, in Silver Spring, Md., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Randolph C. Duff of Huntsville, Ala., and Alan D. Duff of Omaha, Neb; a daughter, Sharon E. Duff of Corpus Christi, Texas; a stepson, Mark J. Scott of New Port Richey, Fla., a stepdaughter, Teresa E. Scott of Garrett; three grandchildren, Austin R. Scott and Courtney E. and Aaron C. Skelly, all of Garrett; a brother, Howard Duff of Edgewater, Fla.; and a sister, Elizabeth Pliskoff of Belfast, Maine.

A sister, Gladys Lavelle, preceded him in death.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the family residence in Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Wednesday, April 16, 2003

This obituary is being republished to correct the date of the memorial service.

Randolph Duff Jr.

GARRETT — A memorial service for Randolph H. Duff Jr., 79, will take place Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. at the family residence at 1171 C.R. 54, Garrett.

Dr. Scott Moss will officiate. There will be no calling.

Mr. Duff died Monday, April 14, 2003, at 1:45 p.m. at his home.

He was a printer in Washington, D.C., until his retirement in 1985. He had lived in Garrett for 17 years and was a bus driver for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school system for 12 years, retiring in 2000.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He was born Nov. 17, 1923, on Long Island, N.Y., to Randolph H. Duff Sr. and Mildred (Case) Duff.

He married Roberta E. Ross Scott on March 25, 1977, in Silver Spring, Md., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Randolph C. Duff of Huntsville, Ala., and Alan D. Duff of Omaha, Neb; a daughter, Sharon E. Duff of Corpus Christi, Texas; a stepson, Mark J. Scott of New Port Richey, Fla., a stepdaughter, Teresa E. Scott of Garrett; three grandchildren, Austin R. Scott and Courtney E. and Aaron C. Skelly, all of Garrett; a brother, Howard Duff of Edgewater, Fla.; and a sister, Elizabeth Pliskoff of Belfast, Maine.

A sister, Gladys Lavelle, preceded him in death.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Katherine Martin

BUTLER — Katherine E. Martin, 50, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at 4:10 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Martin worked as an assembler at Colwell General in Kendallville for 15 years.

She was born Sept. 25, 1952, in Angola to Keith and Harriett (Middaugh) Baker. Her father survives in Waterloo. Her mother preceded her in death.

She married Robert L. Martin on Sept. 27, 1986, in Hindman, Ky. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are five sons, Harvey Martin of Garrett, Ky., Robert Martin of Corunna, Glen Martin of Butler, Adam Fluke of Butler and Nathaniel Fluke of St. Joe; one daughter, Teresa Paxton of Kendallville; three brothers, two sisters and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hall Funeral Home at Martin, Ky. Burial will be in Martin Cemetery at Wayland, Ky.

Calling is Thursday from 5-10 p.m. at the funeral home.

Local arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler.

Paul Henry

GARRETT — Paul J. Henry, 75, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at 8:35 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Henry was employed as a pressman at L.D.M. Technologies and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 11, 1927, in Fort Wayne, to Eli and Florence (Lazar) Henry.

Surviving are one son, Wes Henry of Garrett; a sister, Victoria Ferguson of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Charles E. Henry of Fort Wayne and George Henry of Soverign, Md. He was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Paul, Eli and Joe Henry.

Services were at 2 p.m. today at the C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery with graveside services by the American Legion.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Henry Stevens

AUBURN — Henry Stevens, 71, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at 12:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Stevens was the owner and operator of A-1 Janitorial. He served with the U.S. Army in Korea.

He was born Sept. 21, 1931, in Kentucky to Warnie and Cora (Patton) Stephens.

Surviving are three sons, Calvin W. Stevens of Garrett, Timothy J. Stevens of Waterloo and Shane Stevens of Auburn; two daughters, Linda S. Coons of Auburn and Julie A. Voirol of Corunna; four brothers, Willie Stephens of Corunna, Clinton Stephens of Waterloo, Grover Stephens of Kendallville and Gary Stephens of Coldwater, Mich.; eight sisters, Bertha Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Athna Gamble of Kendallville, Susie Miller of Mishawaka, Melba Miller Daring of Wolcottville, Brenda Davidson of Auburn, Harweda Clark of Hicksville, Ohio, Carla Blech of Coldwater, Mich., and Herma Fields of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Rita Cox; two brothers, Cletus and Clayton Stephens; and two sisters, Edna Lucas and Karen Kay Stephens.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the City of Auburn Parks Department wildlife fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Doris Alter

ANGOLA — Doris I. Alter, 87, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mrs. Alter was employed as a tax clerk at North American. She retired in 1970.

She was born March 21, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Alva G. and Hazel (Harp) Groom.

Her husband, Jerome M. Alter, died in 1965.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy David of Angola and Jan Landrum of Auburn; two sons, Eugene Alter of Fort Wayne and James Alter of Hudson; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Pastor David Rey officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Center.

Helen Cronin

ANGOLA — Helen E. Cronin, 92, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Cronin was the laundress at the Steuben County Rest Home.

She was born June 4, 1910, in Butler.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Cronin of Angola; a half-brother, Lawrence Markel of Fremont; a half-sister, Betty Evans of Fremont; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph A. Cronin, on Sept. 12, 1965, and a brother, Allen Seltenright.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Lester Grosh

WARREN, Mich. — Lester Grosh, 82, a former Auburn resident, died Monday, April 14, 2003, in Warren, Mich.

He was the son of Clair and Pearl (Wirts) Grosh.

Surviving are his wife, Teresa; two daughters, Diane and Francis; a stepdaughter, Rosemary; three grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Donald of Florida and Joel of Alabama.

One grandchild preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Warren.

Burial will be Saturday morning with military services.

Richard Garman Sr.

PLEASANT LAKE — Richard B. Garman Sr., 69, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at home.

Mr. Garman retired from International Harvester after 23 years. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles 1357 and Angola Loyal Order of the Moose 1568. He was a volunteer on the Salem Center Fire Department.

He was born in Huntertown on March 1, 1934, to Edgar and Mabel (Kugler) Garman. He

He married Arlene D. Kester on Dec. 12, 1953, in Auburn. She died on June 5, 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Garman Jr. of Pleasant Lake and Eric Garman of South Milford; a daughter, Cindy Deetz of Pleasant Lake; three sisters, Barb Lieninger of Fort Wayne, and Beth Menshy and Betty Bohen, both of Cedarville; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark, in 1983, and a daughter, Susan, in 1964.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. James Wolheter officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Mary Newcomer

BUTLER — Mary I. Newcomer, 87, died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending with Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Joseph Wesseler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Joseph William Wesseler, 55, died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

Mr. Wesseler was employed as a driver for Evans Trucking Co. of Butler. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, and the Knights of Columbus and was a 3rd Order Franciscan.

He was a 1967 graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne and served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, during the Vietnam War.

He was born Sept. 29, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Joseph and Lillian (White) Wesseler.

Surviving is a sister, Kathleen Hanna of Hicksville. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville. Father Thomas Oedy, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Garr Cemetery at Woodburn, with a military service.

Calling is Monday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St. Hicksville, with a Franciscan wake and rosary service at 6 p.m. (Indiana time).

Mary Newcomer

BUTLER — Mary I. Newcomer, 90, died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at 7:01 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Newcomer was a homemaker and worked on the family farm. During and after World War II, she worked for the Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler for 10 years. She was a member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Newcomer

She was born Jan. 4, 1913, in DeKalb County to Ray and Sadie (Foote) Harmes.

She married Ralph D. Newcomer on May 12, 1928, in Waterloo. He died in 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Glen Newcomer of Butler and Everett Newcomer of Baxter Springs, Kan.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Newcomer; two brothers, Arthur and Lewis Harmes; and one sister, Cathrine Kimple.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Betty Sue Gann

AUBURN — Betty Sue Gann, 71, died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gann was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gann

A member of Dayspring Community Church, she started Heart 2 Heart Homebound Ministry in Auburn and taught senior Sunday school at Dayspring for four years.

She was born March 2, 1932, in Hampton, Va., to Oscar Lee Yates and Gladys Yates.

She married Robert Zirkle Gann on June 16, 1956, in Prattville, Ala. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Bobbie Jean and Harry Exford of Auburn, Linda Sue and Mike Michels of Jackson, Miss., and Mary Kay McNish of Hampton, Va.; six grandchildren, Angel Williamson, Carrie Dill, Kevin Michels and Terry, Brandon and Amanda Exford; six great-grandchildren, Ashley, Morgan, Wyatt, Brenden, Tyler and Kellen; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Dayspring Community Church, with calling after 11:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the Dayspring Community Church building fund or the Diabetes Association.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Albert 'Cork' Smith

WOLCOTTVILLE — Albert Charles "Cork" Smith, 67, died Thursday, April 17, 2003, at 6:50 a.m. at his home on Adams Lake.

A native of Garrett, he moved to Wolcottville 13 years ago.

Mr. Smith was a salesman for J.O. Mory Co. before retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles and the Kendallville Sons of the American Legion.

He was born Jan. 5, 1936, in Garrett to Curtis E. and Geraldine J. (Johnston) Smith.

He married Marcia E. Lothamer on April 7, 1956, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Cindy Smith of Garrett, Patricia Gourneau of Belcourt, N.D., and Angela Hunter of Cincinnati, Ohio; one son, Dennis Smith of Garrett; one brother, Jon Smith of Port Charlotte, Fla.; one sister, Betty Dunn of Auburn; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bill and Dave Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Father Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Garrett Boys Baseball.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Truman Yoder

HOWE — Truman Jay Yoder, 81, died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at 12:15 a.m. from pneumonia and emphysema.

He was born Sept. 22, 1921, in Shipshewana to Samuel and Nancy (Wierich) Yoder.

He married Marcelene Lucille Engle on Dec. 18, 1948, in LaGrange. She died Jan. 10, 1996.

Surviving are three sons, Jack of Auburn and James and Ronald of Sturgis, Mich.; two daughters, Jody Shotzman of Howe and Joan Yoder of LaGrange; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two brothers, William Yoder of Burr Oak, Mich., and Harley Yoder of Dunlap; and a sister and brother-in-law, Goldie and Jim Nuet of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Oscar and Raymond, and a sister, Edna Boling.

Memorial services will be Saturday at noon at Whole Life Christian Fellowship Church, 1420 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis, Mich..

Carney-Frost Funeral Home of Howe is in charge of arrangements.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Harry G. Johnson**, 79, a resident of Columbia City and formerly of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at 8:03 p.m. Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating.

Calling Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour before the service.

KENDALLVILLE — **Gertrude Hellwig**, 93, died Friday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. — **Anthony Joseph Schreiber**, 1 day old, died Wednesday at Stormont-Yail Medical Center in Topeka, Kan. A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Dr. Terry Timson officiating. There will be no calling.

Gertrude Hellwig

KENDALLVILLE — Gertrude Hellwig, 93, died Friday, April 18, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill.

Mrs. Hellwig was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 15, 1909, to Charles and Amanda Ostermeier.

She married Eric Hellwig, who preceded her in death in May 1983.

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Church United Methodist. She was a member of the Lydia Circle at the church, the Eastern Star in Fort Wayne and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are a son, Paul Hellwig of Kendallville; and a grandson, Joseph Hellwig of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Clifford Ostermeier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Norma Crain

HAMILTON — Norma C. Crain, 86, died late Friday evening, April 18, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Crain was born May 26, 1916, in Geneva, N.Y., to Edith McVannon.

She married John L. Crain on Aug. 31, 1940. They were married 45 years. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Crain had been a homemaker and had worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn during World War II and Warner Gear in the 1950s. She was secretary, bookkeeper and part-owner of C & H Oil Co. and worked at the Hamilton House restaurant.

She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, had served on the election board, and was a loving wife and mother and faithful friend.

Surviving are a son, Donald L. Crain of Winslow, Ariz.; a daughter, Martha D. Crain of Beverly Farms, Mass.; four grandchildren, Jenna Wilcox of Auburn, Mary Fee of Cromwell, Christy Benally of Winslow, and Kim Gill of Bryan, Ohio; 13 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcia L. Crain.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Donald Crain and David Payne officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Navajo Trails Mission, P.O. Box 579, Winslow, AZ 86047.

Lois Smurr

GARRETT — Lois J. Smurr, 70, died Saturday, April 19, 2003, at 12:40 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Smurr was born July 13, 1932, in Altona, to Henry Kock.

She married William H. Smurr on Feb. 9, 1957, in Garrett. He survives.

She lived in Garrett all her life. She was a nurse at McCray Hospital in Kendallville and was the director of nursing for 10 years. She was an I.V. nurse at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1987.

She was a member of the Garrett American Legion and Garrett Eagles auxiliaries.

Also surviving are a son, Tom Smurr of Garrett; a stepson, Mike Smurr of Bowling Green, Ohio; two brothers, Mike Kock of North Manchester and Max Kock of Auburn; a sister, Nancy Zimmerman of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard A. Pickard officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and also one hour before services at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Amy Kessler

AUBURN — Amy M. Kessler, 30, died at her home on Friday, April 18, 2003.

Miss Kessler was born in Auburn on Feb. 9, 1973.

Surviving are her mother, Janice Paulen of Auburn; her father, Donald Kessler of Kendallville; her stepmother, Annie Kessler of Kendallville; two stepbrothers, Brian Rottger of Kendallville and Kevin Rottger of Wabash; a stepsister, Christina Rottger of Kendallville; and a devoted friend and caregiver, Lynn Carmer of Auburn.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the humane shelter.

Vickie Kilgore

CHURUBUSCO — Vickie Kilgore, 49, died Saturday, April 19, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kilgore was born Dec. 21, 1953, in Columbia City, to Frank and Roberta (Melching) Williamson.

Mrs. Kilgore

She married Hugh E. Kilgore on Nov. 20, 1992, in Clintwood. Va., and he survives.

She was a Columbia City High School graduate and attended Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. She was employed at Eaton Clutch in Auburn for 10 years.

She lived in rural Noble County, near Churubusco, and was a member of Bethel Christian Baptist Church near Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Matthew Boggs of Churubusco and Dawn and Michael Roberts II of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Trisha Kilgore and Charles Kilgore, all of Columbia City; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, James and Christine Williamson of Ossian, Danny and Jackie Williamson and Michael Williamson, all of Columbia City; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Pamela and Paul Dustin of Columbia City, Teresa and Mike Howard of Pierceton, Heidi and Ross Elias of Goshen and Christine and Scott Fladhammer of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren, Mitchell, Rebekah and David Boggs, Hayden and Jarrett Kilgore and Michael III and Alexis Roberts.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Angela Victoria, in September 1974, and a brother, Ronnie Williamson, in 1979.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, west of Kendallville at U.S. 6 and S.R. 9 North. Pastors Jamie Owens and Shawn Shepherd will officiate.

Calling will be at the church from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

The Evening Star, Monday, April 21, 2003

Marjorie Boyer

BUTLER — Marjorie Boyer, 71, died Saturday, April 19, 2003, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Boyer was a homemaker. She worked at Marshall Clothing in Butler and was a waitress at the Butler Bowl and The Coffee Cup in Butler.

She was a member of the Auburn Moose, the Hamilton Fish & Game Club, Home Demonstration Club, Troy Township Election Board, CB Club and DeKalb County 4-H. She was an avid camper and loved bingo and euchre.

She was born Aug. 24, 1931, in Waterloo, and raised by her stepfather, Jim Ansley, and mother, Florence (Hamman) Ansley.

She married John Boyer on June 11, 1949. He died Oct. 16, 2002.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Barbara Boyer of Waterloo; one daughter, Mary K. Hummon of Butler; two brothers, Ralph Ansley Jr. of Fort Ashby, W. Va., and Rick Ansley of Angola; four sisters, Sharon Cleverly of Fremont, Shirley Lothamer of Fremont, Connie Gill of Angola and Bonnie Combs of Aloha, Ore.; five grandchildren, Steven Boyer II, Andrew Boyer, James Boyer, Heather Hummon and Marshall Hummon; and three great-grandchildren, Damien Messman, Summer Hummon and Collin Hummon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Kenton Mark

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kenton L. Mark, 83, died April 4, 2003, in a nursing home in Orlando.

Mr. Mark graduated from Auburn High School in 1937. He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, after serving in the U.S. Army for three years during World War II.

He owned Mark Real Estate and was a broker for many years in Indiana, Florida and Michigan.

He was born July 30, 1919, in Auburn to Cecil and Nora Mark.

He married Mary Belle Steward on July 30, 1995, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeff, Kenton I. and Tom, his grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a brother, Robert Mark.

A sister, Mary Jane Condon, and a brother, Donald E. Mark, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Vitas Hospice, 5151 Adanson St., Suite 200, Orlando FL 32804.

Walter Gross Sr.

AUBURN — Walter Gross Sr., 67, died Monday, April 21, 2003, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gross worked as a melter at Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry in Auburn for 14 years, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-56.

He was born Jan. 22, 1936, in Jackson, Ky.

He married Caroline Stamper on July 5, 1956, in Kentucky. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Walter Gross Jr. of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Bess, Homer and Clay Gross, all of Jackson, Ky.; two sisters, Alma and Dale Wilson, both of Jackson, Ky.; and two grandchildren, Eric and Alexandria Gross of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Foster and Hargis Gross; and two sisters, Carmie Haddix and Ethel Stamper.

A memorial service will be Saturday, May 3, at 2 p.m. in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1020 Ensley Ave., Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Beedy

AUBURN — Jack L. Beedy, 55, of rural Auburn, died Monday, April 21, 2003, at 8:35 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beedy was the president of Beedy Construction Co. and a volunteer member of the Cedar Canyons Fire Department.

He was born Sept. 28, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Elinor (Fuelling) Beedy. His mother survives in rural Auburn.

Also surviving are three sisters, Nancy Beedy Clark of rural Auburn, Ann Beedy Anthony of Lisbon, Conn., and Linda Beedy Heiser of Leo-Cedarville; a brother, Roger Beedy of Leo-Cedarville; and a special friend, Jacqui Wert of Columbia City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan. The Rev. Kevin Boyd and the Rev. William Haworth will officiate.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association will conduct services Thursday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Canyons Fire Department.

Shellie Howe

AUBURN — Shellie K. Howe, 53, died Monday, April 21, 2003 at her home.

She was a former employee of Renaissance Publishing Co. in Auburn and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 26, 1949, in Auburn to Charles M. and Mildred M. (Beard) Dean.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim Howe of Fort Wayne and Eric and Kim Howe of St. Joe; and five grandchildren, Chelsie K. Howe, Andy Nelson Dean Howe, Michael Lee Howe, Kapri Madison Lee Howe and Ryleigh Alexandria Howe.

Her parents and a brother, Lee Dean, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Kelly

NAPLES, Fla. — Donald E. Kelly, 70, died Monday, April 21, 2003.

Mr. Kelly had lived in Naples since moving from Auburn in 1978. He was a member of the Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Kelly

A graduate of Western Michigan University in 1956, he started his career in the sales department of Rieke Corp. in Auburn. In 1966, he was promoted to executive vice president and in 1981 he took over as president until his retirement in 1995. In recognition of his contributions, which led to the growth and success of parent company TRI MAS Corp. and Masco during his career, he received the prestigious President's Club award on six different occasions.

Mr. Kelly was an accomplished athlete. He was the starting guard for the 1949 Auburn High School basketball team that reached the state tournament's final four. A passionate golfer, he won the conference championship both in high school and college. He was the club champion numerous times in Fort Wayne, Auburn and Colliers Reserve Country Club. He also had the honor of playing in the U.S. Amateur, Senior U.S. Amateur and British Amateur golf championships.

Of all his accomplishments, Mr. Kelly felt his family was the most important and cherished one.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy; his children and their spouses, Schuyler and Julie Kelly and Amy and Edward Easton; four grandchildren, Gray, Megan, Martha and Olivia; four stepgrandchildren, Eddie, Nancy, Mac and Lizzie; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

A graveside service will take place in July in Indiana.

Memorial donations may be made to The Western Golf Association, Evans Scholarship Foundation, 1 Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029.

Wilma Sevits

FORT WAYNE — Former Fremont resident Wilma L. Sevits, 85, died Monday, April 21, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Sevits was born Nov. 23, 1917, in DeKalb County to Gerald and Alma (Jordan) Vose.

She was a housewife. She had lived in Fremont for 60 years before moving to Fort Wayne four months ago.

She was married to Elmer Sevits, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Barb Rigdon of Fort Wayne; a son, Ed Sevits of Fremont; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 7 tonight at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Calling is from 5 to 7 p.m. today, with calling for family beginning at 4 p.m.

Graveside services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Thursday in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice.

Dessie Crooks

HUNTERTOWN — Dessie M. Crooks, 78, died Monday, April 21, 2003, at 6 p.m. at her home. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Crooks

Mrs. Crooks was born April 4, 1925, in Branch County, Mich., to Ray and Delilah C. (Hulse) Brown. She spent her early years at Jamestown in Steuben County. As a young woman, she moved to Auburn with her parents and graduated from Auburn High School.

On Nov. 18, 1944, she married Donald L. Crooks in Auburn. They spent the early years of their marriage in Waterloo and moved to Huntertown in 1954.

She and her husband owned D & D Construction in Huntertown. She retired in 1991.

Mrs. Crooks was a volunteer at the Allen County Children's Home for several years and was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church. She was talented in sketching, ink drawing and architectural drawing and also enjoyed doll making, quilting, sewing, woodworking and fishing.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie Crooks and Linda and Mark Jackson, all of Huntertown; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Deborah Crooks of Huntertown; her twin sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Billie Romine of Columbia City; her brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Eleanor Brown of Auburn; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 19, 1987, her parents, a brother, Herbert Brown, and four sisters, Edith Brown, Esther Boese, Pauline Waters and Helen Lytle.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with pastors Sherri Long, Sue Socha and John DiMarzio officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church Friday from 9-10 a.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

The Evening Star, Thursday, April 24, 2003

Jerry Wellman

FORT WAYNE — Jerry L. Wellman, 89, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Wellman was an automotive painter with DeHaven Chevrolet for 10 years, retiring in 1981. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and member of American Legion Post 296 and First Baptist Church.

He was born in Celina, Ohio.

His wife, Mildred M. Wellman, preceded him in death April 18, 2003.

Surviving are two sons, Larry W. Wellman of Auburn and Ronald L. Wellman of Cromwell; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers also preceded him in death.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Paul Johnston

BEDFORD, Ind. — Paul Johnston, 87, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Core Nursing Home in Bedford.

Mr. Johnston worked for General Telephone as a tester/dispatcher for 31 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, a 54-year honor member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614, and a 62-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 7, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Margaret (Hilderbrand) and Glenn W. Johnston.

His wife, Maxine (Covert) Johnson, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Frye of Bloomington; a son, Kenneth Johnston of Syracuse; 10 grandchildren, John M. Frye of Bloomington, Kenneth P. Johnston of Westville, Cheryl L. Elkins of Syracuse, Corinne F. Tracy of Syracuse, Michael D. Johnston of Fort Wayne, Kimberly R. Johnston of Syracuse, Annette Haney of Ossian, Rick Jackson of Rome City, Vickie Jackson of Churubusco and Michelle Coates of Syracuse; a sister, Billie Turner of Chicago, three nephews, Robert C. Johnston of Washington state, Terry Johnston of Newburgh and Keith Johnston of East Peoria, Ill.; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by an infant son, a grandson, two brothers, Wayne and Gene Johnston, and two sisters, Jeanette and Dorothy Johnston.

Burial will be at a later date in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are being handled by the Deremiah-Frye Mortuary Greene & Harrell Chapel, Bloomington, and Elzey Patterson Roadak Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Lorraine Camp

AUBURN — Lorraine "Lorrie" A. Camp, 54, died Thursday, April 17, 2003, at her residence.

A homemaker, she was born May 16, 1948, in Dowagiac, Mich.

She is survived by her husband, Carnie W. Camp of Auburn; two sons, Sean Camp and Addam Camp, both of Auburn; her parents, Lawrence and Charlotte Burnham of Auburn; a brother, Rick Burnham of Wagner, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

There will be no calling or services.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Elmo Kohne

FORT WAYNE — Elmo "Dewey" J. Kohne, 81, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at his home.

Born in Decatur, he was a bartender at Acme Bar & Grill for 28 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Beth A. Jennings of Garrett, Jacqueline A. Ward of Fort Wayne, and Constance S. Hess of Kokomo; two sons, Robert E. Kohne of St. Peters, Mo., and Richard A Kohne, Fort Wayne; a brother, Lawrence Kohne of Decatur; a sister, Alfreda Kern of Columbus, Ohio, and nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice or American Cancer Society of Greater Fort Wayne.

Bessie Thompson

AUBURN — Bessie Rose Thompson, 66, of Auburn, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

On March 6, 1937, she was born in Fort Wayne to Louis and Matilda (Hodson) Herendeen. She married Richard Thompson on Nov. 30, 1957, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

She was a homemaker and an avid bingo player.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Richard Thompson Jr. of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Russell Brock of Fremont; a brother, Walter Herendeen of Auburn; a sister, Thelma Wheeler of Angola; and two grandchildren, Blayne and Jeremy Brock.

Her parents preceded her in death.

There are no services and no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be e-mailed to: sympathy@feller-funeralhome.net.

Lorenz Muntzinger

CONVOY, Ohio — Lorenz. R. Muntzinger, 92, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in VanCrest Health Care Center at Van Wert, Ohio.

A former resident of Convoy, Mr. Muntzinger had retired from Continental Can Co. (Greif Brothers). He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Convoy and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Feb. 4, 1911, in Harrison Township of Van Wert County, Ohio, to William and Alwine (Stamm) Muntzinger.

Surviving is a sister, Erma (Howard) Lake of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by two brothes, Clarence Jacob Muntzinger and Martin Muntzinger, and two sisters, Luella Frane and Trina Muntzinger (in infancy).

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Redeemer Lutheran Church of Convoy. The Rev. Mike Saylor, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Redeemer Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 p..m. at Cowan & Son Funeral Home, 303 E. Tully St., Convoy.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6727 S.R. 49, Convoy OH 45832.

Johnette Billings

AUBURN — Johnette R. Billings, 59, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

She worked as a stockman for NIPSCO in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring this year. She also worked for three years at Taco Bell in Auburn. She was a member of the USWA union and attended the Church of Christ in Auburn.

She was born April 25, 1944, in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother, Violet R. Harter; a son, Tony Harter of Whitestown; a foster son, Bob Billings of Toledo, Ohio; a foster daughter, Betty Shuman of Garrett; four brothers, James Harter of Brownsburg, Richard Harter of Auburn, Michael Harter of Indianapolis and Charles Harter of Columbia City; two grandchildren, Jennifer and Rebecca Harter of Whitestown, and a foster grandchild, Travis Shuman of Garrett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

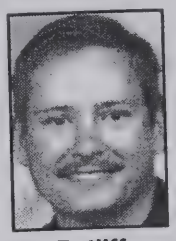
Memorials are to charities for battered children.

Doris Huff

KENDALLVILLE — Doris L. Huff died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital. Service arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Roger Ratliff

KENDALLVILLE — Roger D. Ratliff, 31, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, in a traffic accident on U.S. 6 west of Corunna.



Mr. Ratliff

Mr. Ratliff served in the U.S. Army from 1990 until 1996, attaining the rank of sergeant.

He was employed at T.I. Automotive in Ashley and previously worked for the CSX Railroad. He was a pastor and member of Grace Christian Church in Kendallville and served as assistant pole vaulting coach at East Noble High School.

He was born May 13, 1971, in Willard, Ohio, to Bill and Avenelle (Collins) Ratliff. His mother preceded him in death.

He married Sara Nickles on Aug. 9, 1997, in Litchfield, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Tyler and Gabriel, and a daughter, Grace, all of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Bill and Debbie Ratliff of Willard, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Shannon Ratliff of Ohio; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Melissa and Harold Howard of Ohio, Teresa and Steve Newsome of Dayton, Ohio, and Tammy Jones of Ohio; a grandmother, Iva Ratliff of Marion, Ohio; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Christian Church. The Rev. Chris Mosley, the Rev. Nathan Mosley and Scott Mosley will officiate. Burial will follow in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is at Grace Christian Church today from 4-8 p.m. and Monday after 4 p..m. at the church, with a service Monday at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

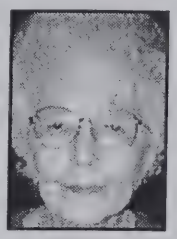
Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be posted at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Frances Pontius

WATERLOO — Frances Lueda Pontius, 91, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at 12:40 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Pontius served as the assistant librarian for the Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.



Mrs. Pontius

She was born Feb. 15, 1912, in Auburn to Lewis J. and Eda (Raub) Beuret.

She married Clayton L. Pontius on Sept. 11, 1939, in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 19, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Marie Pontius of Terre Haute and Stanley and Cheryl Pontius of Hamilton, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Julia Ann and Donald Houterloot of Carmel and Cheryle and Daniel Berdell of Downingtown, Pa.; one brother, Wayne Beuret of Auburn; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or the Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Charles Rhodehamel

WATERLOO — Charles Z. Rhodehamel, 74, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Rhodehamel worked for the DeKalb Central school district for 21 years, retiring in 1996. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in Korea.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, American Legion Post 97 at Auburn, Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Grand Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Northwest Forest 187, Ashley Order of Eastern Star 229, Past Master of Garrett City Lodge 537 F&AM, Auburn-Garrett York Rite, Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies (Past High Priest, Past Commander and Past Illustrious Master), York Rite College 55, Angola Yeoman of York, Ish Sodi Council 1855 PMIGM, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne 32nd Degree and Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne.

He was a past member of the Garrett and Waterloo fire departments.

He was born March 31, 1929, in New Castle to Leo and Lois (French) Rhodehamel.

He married Joan Williams on Nov. 27, 1952, in Portland. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Keith Moughler of Waterloo; two brothers, Clark of Portland and Raymond of Churubusco; a brother-in-law, Jim Koon of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Jon and Brittany Moughler.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Rhodehamel; a sister, Virginia Koon; and a granddaughter, Tieme Moughler.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. John Scott will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

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Mrs. Thompson was a homemaker and an avid bingo player.

She was born March 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne, to Louis E. and Matilda (Hodson) Herendeen.

She married Richard Thompson on Nov. 30, 1957, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Richard Thompson Jr. of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Russell Brock of Fremont; a brother, Walter Herendeen of Auburn; a sister, Thelma Wheeler of Angola; and two grandchildren, Blayne and Jeremy Brock.

No services or calling are planned. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to her family.

Earl Gurtner

SYRACUSE — Earl J. Gurtner, 40, died Friday, April 4, 2003, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Noble County earlier that day.

Mr. Gurtner was born July 11, 1962, in DeKalb County to Eldon and Sally (Carlson) Gurtner.

He was a 1980 graduate of Van Wert High School in Van Wert, Ohio. He also graduated from Vantage Vocational School, where he studied welding.

He served six years in the U.S. Navy, specializing in welding.

After serving in the Navy, he worked as a welder.

Mr. Gurtner is survived by his mother, Sally Gurtner of Fremont; two children, Reonna and Benjamin Gurtner, both of Gulfport, Miss.; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Elisa Gurtner of Las Vegas; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Eldonna and Gary Wagonrod of Ohio City, Ohio, and Jolenna and the Rev. Eric Dailey of Edon, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Talitha Gurtner and Dorothy Woodcox, his father, Eldon Gurtner, a brother, LynDon Gurtner, and a nephew, Pfc. Christian Gurtner.

Services were held April 8 at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio.

Steve Curry

WATERLOO— Steve Curry, 58, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Curry was employed by Auburn Gear. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War. He lived in Waterloo and was a former resident of Angola.

He was born Feb. 19, 1945, in Angola to Harold and Pauline (Parcel) Curry. Both parents survive in Waterloo.

His wife, Denice "Moe" (McNaughton), also survives.

Other survivors include five daughters and three sons-in-law, Luella Curry of Waterloo, Heather and Brian Ball and Melissa and David Pearson, all of Ashley; Lesli and Richard Vaughn of Hamilton and Jeri French of Glasgow, Ky.; a brother, Bruce Curry of Waterloo; a sister, Brenda Gehring of Yoder; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m.

Ruth Whetzel

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth E. Whetzel, 94, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Whetzel was a secretary at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., for 39 years, retiring in 1974. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and Women's Club, both in Ithaca. She moved to Kendallville in the summer of 1996.

She was born in Swan Township near Avilla on Dec. 12, 1908, to Samuel E. and Bertha V. (Good) Whetzel.

Surviving are a brother, Harry Whetzel of Kendallville; a sister, Amy Barker of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Della Whetzel of Hudson; and eight nieces and nephews.

One brother, Russell J. Whetzel, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Keck

KENDALLVILLE — Robert H. Keck, 91, formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 4:55 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mr. Keck

He was a machinist at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 44 years, retiring in 1973.

He was born Jan. 19, 1912, in Noble County to Henry W. and Emma (Hess) Keck.

He married Shirley Tompkins on Sept. 1, 1935, in Avilla. She died Sept. 30, 1966.

He then married Elsie Sweet on Dec. 9, 1967, in Oshkosh, Wis. She died Sept. 30, 2001.

Surviving are three sons, Duane R. Keck of Murrells Inlet, S.C., Dwight E. Keck of Fort Wayne and Michael Sweet of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Barbara Gordon of Auburn; two sisters, Catherine Shellenberger of Payne, Ohio, and Geraldine Snell of St. George, Utah; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Bethesda in care of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Joan Fulkerson

ALBION — Joan C. Fulkerson, 58, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

She was a truck driver for Magnavox for 28 years and worked at International Wire Corp. in Kendallville for one year.

She was born Feb. 24, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Richard and Marcile Saylor.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald M. Fulkerson of Albion; a son, Richard R. Fulkerson of Albion; a daughter, Anna E. Fulkerson of Albion; a brother, Charles "Butch" Saylor of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Harden of Butler and Cecilia "CB" Curry of Columbia City; and one granddaughter, Ashley Bolenbaugh of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Small Animal Hospital, Michigan State University, in care of Dr. Flo.

Doris Huff

KENDALLVILLE — Doris L. Huff, 79, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Huff had retired as a cook for Chronister's Central Drug Store and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born July 11, 1923, in Antwerp, Ohio, to William and Iva (Laney) Douglas.

She married William F. Huff in November 1967 in Antwerp. He died July 15, 1989.

Surviving are a son, Kevin Mavis of Auburn; a daughter, Kathleen Mavis of Rapid City, S.D.; two stepdaughters, Millie Werker of Ligonier and Jean Replogle of Kendallville; a sister, Shirley Kreiger of Kendallville; two grandsons, Kyle Mavis of Auburn and Matthew Ballard of Bovey, Minn.; three granddaughters, Melanie Green of Rapid City, S.D., Janalyn Hoyez of Cook, Minn., and Danielle Pontoni of St. Francis, Minn.; 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Robert, Kenneth and William Douglas, and a sister, Beulah Miller.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be posted at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Anna Montemarano

AUBURN — Anna B. Montemarano, 82, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 3:55 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Montemarano was a homemaker in rural Auburn and had lived in the Auburn area for 18 years. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, the Ladies Aid and DeKalb County Homemakers.

She was born April 5, 1921, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Ralph B. and Christine (Perkurney) Terris.

She married Anthony J. Montemarano on June 21, 1942, in Brooklyn. He died in 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Christine Lampe of Auburn and Dianne Marks of Milford, Pa.; a son, Ronald Montemarano of Queens, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Louis Terris.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett. Pastor Donald Rauhut will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Wilson Shoup

ANGOLA — Wilson E. Shoup, 88, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mr. Shoup

Mr. Shoup was an attorney with the Angola law firm Shoup & Shoup. He served as Angola city attorney from 1956 to 2000.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army, and was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born March 27, 1915, in Middlebury, to Merle and Mary (Hassan) Shoup.

He married Blanche E. Stahlberg in 1944. She preceded him in death in 1990.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Shoup and Kim and Deborah Shoup, all of Angola; a daughter, Virginia Holderness of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a brother, Harold Shoup of Middlebury; and four grandchildren, Britt and Clayton Holderness and Sam and Anna Shoup.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Kinkaid, and a brother, Everett Shoup.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. No services are planned, in accordance with Mr. Shoup's request.

Private burial services will be held in Gracelawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Anthony Samples

FORT WAYNE — Anthony 'Tony' Samples, 35, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Samples was an operations manager for SBC Data Communications and a member of Sonrise Baptist Church in Waddy, Ky. He was a recognized photographer and poet and a devoted, loving father.

He was born May 11, 1967, in Frankfort, Ky. His father, Douglas Samples, preceded him in death in 2000. His mother, Yvonne Samples, survives in Frankfort, Ky.

Also surviving are his his fiancee, Dawn Cole of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Macy Morrison of Auburn and Krissy Samples of Fort Wayne; a son, David Samples of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Deacon and Ethen Cole of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Alexis Cole of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Brian Samples of Frankfort, Ky., and Michaels Samples of Lawrenceburg, Ky.

A private memorial service was held Sunday with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery. D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Education fund for the Children of Tony Samples.

Robert Keck

KENDALLVILLE — Robert H. Keck, 91, formerly of Auburn, died at 4:55 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

He was a machinist at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 44 years, retiring in 1973.

He was born in Noble County Jan. 19, 1912, to Henry W. and Emma (Hess) Keck.

He married Shirley Tompkins Sept. 1, 1935, in Avilla. She died Sept. 30, 1966. He then married Elsie Sweet Dec. 9, 1967, in Oshkosh, Wis. She died Sept. 30, 2001.

Surviving are three sons, Duane R. Keck of Murrells Inlet, S.C., Dwight E. Keck of Fort Wayne and Michael Sweet of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Barbara Gordon of Auburn; two sisters, Catherine Shellenberger of Payne, Ohio, and Geraldine Snell of St. George, Utah; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Floyd Keck.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Bethesda in care of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Doris 'Jeanne' Lewis

GARRETT — Doris "Jeanne" Lewis, 76, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at 1:52 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Lewis worked as a study hall supervisor at Garrett High School, retiring in 1990. She was a 76-year resident of Garrett, a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and a former Tri-Kappa sorority member.

She was born July 7, 1926, in Kendallville to Walter and Mary (Springer) Holsinger.

She married Richard L. Lewis on July 3, 1947, in Kendallville. He died in 1990.

Surviving are a son, Richard "Rick" L. Lewis II of Angola; a sister, Meridith "Ann" Kemm of Estero, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Suzanne L. Saffen.

Services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor David Farling will officiate.

Calling is Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

James Roberts

SNEEDVILLE, Tenn. — James Harold Roberts, 57, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ramsey Roberts; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Scott Foster of Auburn and Karen and Rick Jaquay of Orland; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Roberts of Sneedville and Dwayne and Mary Roberts of Tazewell, Tenn.; nine grandchildren, Kandra, Jarrod, Breanna, Cora Lee and Matthew Roberts, Katie Adams, Linzee Jaquay and Scotty and Tyler Foster; two brothers, Lawrence of Morristown, Tenn., and Charles of Sneedville; and three sisters, Betty Bunch of Morristown and Brenda Belcher and Nancy Crumley, both of Sneedville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ulas and Hazel Roberts, and a brother, Creed Roberts.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Mulberry Gap Baptist Church, where he was a member. The Rev. Seven Gibson and the Rev. Dennis Jones will officiate. Interment will be in the Roberts Family Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-9 p.m. at the church.

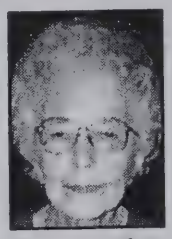
Memorials are to the family.

McNeil Funeral Home in Sneedville is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Pontius

WATERLOO — Calling hours for Frances Lueda Pontius, 91, have been extended to 4-8 p.m. Friday at Feller Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pontius died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at 12:40 p.m. in her home.



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Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

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This obituary is being republished to add information provided by the funeral home.

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She married William F. Huff in November 1967 in Antwerp. He died July 15, 1989.

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Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Robert, Kenneth and William Douglas; and a sister, Beulah Miller.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Avilla Cemetery.

Condolences may be posted at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Cleatus Schnegg

PLYMOUTH, Mich. — Cleatus V. Schnegg, 87, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mrs. Schnegg was a homemaker and had been a school crossing guard with the Plymouth schools in the 1970s and 1980s. She was a member of the Plymouth Baptist Church and was involved with the Plymouth Seniors activities. She loved to garden and enjoyed flowers, in particular indoor violets, and she also enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

Raised in Ashley, she lived in Plymouth for more than 50 years.

She was born Aug. 11, 1915, in Ashley to William and Mina Adams.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Fred Walters of Tecumseh, Mich.; four grandchildren, Nathan Walters of St. Clair Shores, Mich., Julia Walters of Chicago, and Jacob and Caleb Walters of Tecumseh; and a great-grandaughter, Cayla.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Paul; a brother, Denzel Adams; and a sister, Oneida Redd.

Services will be Thursday at noon (Indiana time) in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ronald Peckhart

WATERLOO — Ronald W. Peckhart, 77, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at 1:40 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

Mr. Peckhart worked at Flint & Walling in Kendallville, retiring in 1990. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

He was born July 22, 1925, in Auburn to Ora and Pearl (Jackson) Peckhart.

He married Dolores Voges in 1947 in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are son and daughter-in-law, William and Ginger Peckhart of Hamilton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dianna and William Monroe Stewart of Orland and Gloria Pifer of Bronson, Mich.; a sister, Vivian Sheperd of Kendallville; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Norman, and a sister, Velma Maybe.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Matthew Berryhill

HAMILTON — Matthew "Matt" Scott Berryhill, 35, died Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Berryhill had worked at Guardian Industries in Auburn.

He was born June 11, 1967, in Auburn to Raymond and Kay (Stoy) Berryhill. They survive in Corunna.

He married Angela "Angie" M. Cherin on March 11, 1995, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, AJ and Reese Berryhill, both at home; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Alan and Sheila Berryhill of Butler and Kevin Berryhill of Corunna; and a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Mark Bowen of Monroeville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Velma Adams

HAMILTON — Velma E. Adams, 83, died Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at 5:52 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She had worked as a clerk in the office at Main Auto Supply.

She was born March 11, 1920, in Fort Wayne to George and Elda (Colinger) Adams.

Surviving are a sister, Marilyn McNamara of Tavares, Fla., and a nephew, Tim McNamara of Pleasant Lake.

There will be no calling or services. H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Juanita Croxford

AUBURN — The family of the late Juanita Croxford will greet friends at a reception in loving memory of her life.

The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bridgewater Golf Club.

Juanita Croxford, 87, was born May 18, 1915, and died Nov. 27, 2002. She was a resident of Auburn for seven years.

Mrs. Croxford

Her husband, Wilbur Merrill, preceded her in death in August 1981.

Her daughter, Luwanna, and son-in-law, Dr. Kenneth Isenogle, now reside in Fletcher, N.C., where she lived for three years.

Also surviving are a granddaughter, Tambra Curcio, and her husband, Anthony, in Stamford, Conn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Mildred Vanderbosch

GARRETT — Mildred Slusher Vanderbosch, 90, died Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Vanderbosch was born in Boston. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Rosary Society, Harvest House and DeKalb County Democrats. She was a volunteer at the former Garrett Hospital.

She married Louis Vanderbosch on Sept. 7, 1929, in Garrett. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jeannette Lloyd of Auburn and Ursula and Victor Ley of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Henry and Judy Vanderbosch of Garrett and Leonard and Judy Vanderbosch of Colbert, Wash.; 22 grandchildren, Rusty Lloyd III, Lee Shoudel, Holly Hoffman, Mandy Lloyd, Christine Emerick, Denise Fanger, Michael Ley, James Ley, Laura Rudd, Sharon Kacprowicz, Nancy Reinhardt, Steven Ley, Patrick Ley, Cathy Mettert, Brian Vanderbosch, Mark Vanderbosch, Marcie Collier, Monica Sanders, Michael Vanderbosch, Leonard Vanderbosh, Todd Vanderbosch and Beth Clauss; 39 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, James, Thomas and David, and two granddaughters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. Burial will be in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery of Avilla.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses or to the Louis and Mildred Vanderbosch Tuition Aid Trust at St. Joseph School.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ila Brumbaugh

KENDALLVILLE — Ila L. Brumbaugh, 81, died Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed crossword puzzles and flower gardening.

She was born Feb. 7, 1922, in Churubusco to Frederick and Bernice (Slatter) Guiff.

She married Charles H. Brumbaugh on Nov. 9, 1940, in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harry and Rose Brumbaugh of Waterloo; two daughters and one son-in-law, Connie Brumbaugh of Kendallville and Karen and Bruce Parks of Rome City; a brother, Richard Guiff of Churubusco; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Janis and Rodney Lansaw of Churubusco, Jeanette and Raymond Witte of Tupelo, Miss., and Genevieve Martin of Churubusco; three grandsons, Joshua, Caleb and Graham Parks, all of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Tausha Mason of Kendallville; a great-grandson, Skye Parks of Kendallville; and three great-granddaughters, Jhade Parks, Kara Mason and Hannah Mason, all of Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Larry Ferrero officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Assembly of God Church in Kendallville.

Ervin Tilbury Sr.

HUDSON — Ervin E. Tilbury Sr., 72, died Wednesday, April 30, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Tilbury was self-employed in the lumber business for more than 40 years.

He enjoyed playing euchre and his hobbies were fishing and hunting.

He was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church and president of the Steuben County Farm Bureau.

He was born July 27, 1930, in Allen County to Mervin and Nellie (Campbell) Tilbury.

He married Carol A. Fultz in Salem Center Presbyterian Church on April 10, 1955. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Gene Jasper Tilbury of Austin, Texas, and Richard M. Tilbury and Robert A. Tilbury, both of rural Hudson; two daughters, Cindy L. Hawkes of Boise, Idaho, and Kathleen M. Humphrey of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Frenchy Gratts and Doris Huddleston, both of Ocala, Fla.; a brother, Donald Tilbury of Angola; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Raymond and Herb Tilbury, and a sister, Margaret Dehaven.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Salem Center Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Walter Gross Sr.

AUBURN —Services for Walter Gross Sr., 67, will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Auburn.

Mr. Gross died Monday, April 21, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was employed as a melter at Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry for 14 years, retiring in 2001. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1956. He was a member of Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Auburn.

He was born Jan. 22, 1936, In Jackson,. Ky.

On July 15, 1936, he married Caroline Stamper in Kentucky. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Walter Gross Jr., of Auburn; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Homer and Bess Gross and Clay Gross, all of Jackson, Ky.; a sister and brother-in-law, Alma and Dale Wilson of Jackson, Ky.; and two grandchildren, Eric and Alexandria Gross of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Fosten and Hargis Gross, and two sisters, Carmie Haddix and Ethel Stamper.

There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Krauss Jr.

LAGRANGE — Paul F. Krauss Jr., 55, died Thursday, May 1, 2003, at 2 a.m. in Lansing, Ill.

Mr. Krauss was an engineer on the CSX Railroad for 28 years. He had lived in rural LaGrange for 28 years.

He was born Sept. 8, 1947, in Columbia City to Paul F. Krauss Sr. and Norma (Harper) Krauss.

Suriviving are three daughters, Casey Combs of Waterloo, Brandy Penland of Decatur and Ronda Dicamillo of Gilbert, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; and five sisters, Jewell McLaughlin of Howe, Rebecca Conkling, Carlene Shaffer of Kendallville, Kathy Cooper and Sandra Sanchez of Waco, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael Krauss.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Mary Sithen

GARRETT — Mary M. Sithen, 92, died Thursday, May 1, 2003, at 10:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Sithen was a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was a secretary for Culligan Water in Garrett for 13 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Chruch, Psi Iota Xi Sorority and numerous bridge clubs.

She was born May 14, 1910, in Garrett to Roy A. and Maggie M. (Caid) McKinley.

She married Kenneth P. Sithen on Oct. 25, 1935, in Auburn. He died in 1982.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Bill Kobiela of Auburn, Vicki and Gary Linder of Elwood, Kay and Paul Ridenour of Connersville and Nancy and Larry Jacob of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Martha Custer and Jessie Mae Short, both of Garrett; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and George McKinley, and three sisters, Cletus Rowe, Margaret Ellen and Betty Whirledge.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Garrett Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Department or the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Martha Johnson

AUBURN — Martha L. Johnson, 82, died Thursday, May 1, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Johnson had worked as a billing clerk at Dana Corp. for 13 years, retiring in 1964. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Johnson

She was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Fort Wayne and graduated from North Side High School in 1938.

She is survived by her husband, Paul J. Johnson of Auburn; a sister, Lois Goss of Fort Wayne; four nieces, Aubrey Bair of Columbia City, and Angela Newell, Teresa Simmons and Nanette Soellinger, all of Fort Wayne; two nephews, Mitchell A. Newell of Huntington and Michael C. Newell of Auburn; and two great-nephews, Matthew and John-Michael Newell, both of Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St.

Calling is today from 4-7 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, ad Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Donald Healy

BUTLER — Donald R. Healy, 68, formerly of Butler, died Thursday, May 1, 2003, at 4 p.m. in Community Hospital of Williams County at Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Healy served in the U.S. Marine Corps from Jan. 9, 1952, to April 30, 1974. He was a member of the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Dec. 15, 1934, in Butler to Harvey L. and Signa (Philo) Healy.

He married Hiroko Eri on Sept. 29, 1973, in Oceanside, Calif. She survives in Edgerton, Ohio.

Also suriving are a son, William C. Healy of El Monte, Calif.; a daughter, Rebecca Healy of El Monte, Calif.; a brother, Miles Healy of Butler; a sister, Rosella DePew of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ronald, Lawrence and Alfred Healy; and two sisters, Maryann Hosack and Elizabeth Healy.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor David Snodderly will officiate.

Burial will be Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in Big Run Cemetery near Butler.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Clifton Draggoo

ANGOLA — Clifton L. "Cliff" Draggoo, 91, died Friday, May 2, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Draggoo was the former owner and operator of the West Side Market in Auburn and the Hillcrest Motel in Angola. He also was an inspector for the Indiana Department of Transportation, retiring in 1977 after 10 years of service.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Good Sam RV Owners Club and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, a charter and life member of Angola Elks Lodge 2398 and a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Nov. 6, 1911, in Concord to Delbert Draggoo and Harriett Ricketts.

On May 18, 1933, he married Fern VanZile. She died July 25, 1985.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Sally Cox of Auburn and Jane Ann and Larry Griffith of Garrett; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Draggoo.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Edward Sattler

CORUNNA — Edward W. Sattler, 72, died Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mr. Sattler

He was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 21, 1930, to William and Fannie (Brown) Sattler.

He was a 1948 graduate of Rome City High School.

He married Lois M. Cramer on Nov. 24, 1957, in Paulding, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Nov. 17, 1994.

He retired from Kraft Foods in 1995 after 22 years, and was also involved in dairy farming throughout his life. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville, where he took care of and mowed the church lawn.

From 1951-58, he was a sergeant first class in the Fort Wayne National Guard. He enjoyed watching basketball.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Alice and David Frazie of Wolcottville and Nancy Swank of Cromwell, and five nieces and three nephews.

He was also preceded in death by an infant sister, Fannie Elizabeth, and a brother, Fredrick Adam Sattler, on Dec. 17, 1982.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville, the Rev. James Tews officiating. Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to Messiah Lutheran's New Sanctuary Fund.

Condolences can be e-mailed at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Martha Johnson

AUBURN — Martha L. Johnson, 82, died Thursday, May 1, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Johnson had worked as a billing clerk at Dana Corp. for 13 years, retiring in 1964. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Johnson

She was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Fort Wayne and graduated from North Side High School in 1938.

She is survived by her husband, Paul J. Johnson of Auburn; a sister, Lois Goss of Fort Wayne; four nieces, Aubrey Bair of Columbia City, and Angela Newell, Teresa Simmons and Nanette Soellinger, all of Fort Wayne; four nephews, Mitchell A. Newell of Huntington, Roger Goss of Fort Wayne and Mark R. Newell and Michael C. Newell, both of Auburn; and two great-nephews, Matthew and John-Michael Newell, both of Auburn.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Danile Brite

DECATUR — Daniel J. Brite, 40, died Thursday, May 1, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Brite was employed by Ruan Transportation of Decatur. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur, the Holy Name Society, Decatur Moose Lodge 1311 and the Teamsters Union in Fort Wayne.

He ws born March 27, 1963, in Decatur to Joseph J. and Shirley N. (Hirschy) Brite. They survive.

Also surviving are his wife, Diana Lynn (Brandon) Brite, formerly of Auburn; a son, Adam D. Brite of Decatur; his paternal grandmother, Lucille E. Brite of Decatur; three brothers, Anthony M. Brite of Fort Wayne, Michael L. Brite of Decatur and Ryan A. Brite of Davenport, Fla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Denise R. Brite of Decatur and Janice E. and Michael Miller of Decatur.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carla A. Leimgruber.

A prayer service will be held Monday at 9:15 a.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Father Phil DeVolder will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from noon-6 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service tonight at 8.

Memorials are to the St. Mary Improvement Fund or the Friends Cancer Survivors Group in DeKalb County.

Joanna Fink Meeks

MUNCIE — Joanna Fink Meeks, 90, died April 22, 2003, at the Vista at Mission Ridge in Billings, Mont.

Mrs. Meeks was born Feb. 2, 1913, in Auburn to Burr and Hazel Fink.

She attended Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Va., and graduated in 1934 from Northwestern University School of Speech, where she was a member of Alpha Pi Sorority. During World War II, she was a Red Cross nurse's aide in Muncie and later in Miami, Fla.

After the war, the Meeks family returned to Muncie, where Mrs. Meeks' community involvement was extensive. She was an elder and member of First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Conversation Club, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Art Students' League and the Art Alliance. She served on the boards of the Wapehani Girl Scout Council, the Mental Health Association and Hillcroft Center.

She married David M. Meeks of Muncie on March 10, 1938, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He died in 1993. He was president of The Meeks Mortuary.

Surviving are her children, Elizabeth (Lani) Meeks of Honolulu, Hawaii, Anne Davis and her husband, Lee, of Kailua, Hawaii, Maile Urbaska of Billings, Montana, and David Meeks of Sonoma, Calif.; her grandchildren, Malia Megorden, Christy Hunter, John Urbaska, Katie Cummings and Trevor Meeks; her great-grandchildren, Kela and Ryan Megorden; her sisters-in-law, Gloria Fink of Auburn and Frances Ford; her nieces, Janet Borden and Sheila Richmond; and her nephews, Bill, John and David Fink.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Fink of Auburn; a son-in-law, Fredrick J. Urbaska; and a granddaughter, Mandy Urbaska.

Services were held Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to the general fund of the Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County or to a charity of the donor's choice.

James Lepper

KOKOMO — James L. Lepper, 35, died on Thursday, May 1, 2003, at his home in Kokomo of spinal cancer.

Mr. Lepper was employed at Walnut Creek Apartments as a HVAC technician. He was a member of Calvary Temple Church.

He was born March 24, 1968, to James W. and Rebecca (Crosby) Lepper and was a Fort Wayne resident for 20 years before relocating to Kokomo. He graduated from North Side High School. He married Connie Lepper of Kokomo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Mikeal Lepper of Kokomo; his mother, Rebecca Lepper of Dallas; his father, James W. Lepper of Butler; his grandmother, Mary Crosby; and his stepmother, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary, Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo. Pastor Mike Markely will officiate. Burial will be at Albright Cemetery in Kokomo.

Calling will be 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Howard County.

Richard Conley

LAGRANGE — Richard R. "Dick" Conley, 68, died at 8:38 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2003, at the LaGrange Community Hospital of a heart attack.

Mr. Conley, a former resident of Rome City, Kendallville and Churubusco, was a retired banker and a former LaGrange County councilman. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the LaGrange Jaycees, Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 215 and Masonic Lodge and a past member of the LaGrange Rotary Club.

He was born Nov. 29, 1934, to Thomas J. and Margaret (Storey) Conley in Wolcottville. He married Audra E. Miller on Oct. 17, 1958, in Avilla. They lived in LaGrange for 30 years. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Patrick O. and Angel Conley and Michael S. and Tara Conley, all of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Alexa Conley, Nathan Conley and Tyler Conley; and a sister, Phyllis Buttermore of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Meryvn Minnichillo, and a brother, Robert J. Conley.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Dale Sturtz will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Josiah Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Josiah David Bontrager died at 10:25 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2003, at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. He was 1 day old.

Josiah was born May 1, 2003, to James and Susan (Krajewski) Bontrager in Goshen. They survive.

Also surviving are five sisters, Julia Bontrager, Rachel Bontrager, Shoshannah Bontrager, Grace Bontrager and Joy Bontrager, all living at home in Middlebury; three brothers, Jonathan Bontrager, Curtis Bontrager and Daniel Bontrager, all living at home in Middlebury; four grandparents, Mearlene Reynolds, John Krajewski and Helen Krajewski, all of Goshen, and Jon Bontrager of Elkhart; and a great-grandmother, Lucile Grabill of Goshen.

Graveside services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Middlebury. The Rev. Mike Lechlitner and Jim Bontrager, Josiah's father, will officiate.

Calling will be 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at River of Life Fellowship Church in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Bibles for China, care of Strategic Global Assistance Inc.

Mae White

EMPORIA, Va. — Mae Irene Dinius White, 79, died Thursday, May 1, 2003.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Aletha and T. Gilbert Hudson of Valentines, Va.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry W. and Eva White Jr. of Hudson and Tom R. and Susan White of Berne; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be 2 p.m. today at the Main Street Baptist Church in Emporia. Burial will be in Emporia Cemetery.

Memorials are to Main Street Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

Matthew Johnson

GARRETT — Matthew Alan Johnson, 24, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at 8:20 p.m. in an automobile collision on C.R. 40-A east of Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

David Appleman

ROME CITY — David Patrick Appleman, 44, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Appleman was a production worker at Kraft Foods. He moved to Kendallville from Baltimore 24 years ago. He enjoyed fishing, cooking and doing yardwork.

He was born May 9, 1958, in Baltimore, Md., to Clarence and Betty (Warren) Appleman. His mother, Betty Phillips survives in Baltimore.

He married Krestina Alleshouse on May 8, 1999, at the Church of the Cornerstone in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Misti Appleman of Avilla; a son, Michael David Kelly of Rome City; two stepsons, Chad Childeres of Wolcottville and Dylan Childeres of Rome City; a brother, Jay Appleman of Baltimore; two sisters, Kim Bischoff of Baltimore and Doralynn Bradon of Jacksonville, Fla.; and his parents-in-law, Paula Ritchie and Lyn Alleshouse, both of Kendallville.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with Pastor H. Dean Woolard of the Church of the Cornerstone officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Memorials are to the family or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Matthew Johnson

GARRETT — Matthew Alan Johnson, 24, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at 8:20 p.m. in an automobile collision on C.R. 40-A east of Auburn.

Mr. Johnson worked at Artistic Carton in Auburn and was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1996.

Mr. Johnson

He was born Sept. 13, 1978, in Auburn.

He is survived by his father, Keith Johnson of Garrett; his mother and stepfather, Debby (Derrow) and Ron Hoover of Wolcottville; three sisters, Jamie Medellin of Kendallville, Heather Tarto of Texas and Jessica Johnson of Ohio; a brother, Tyler Johnson of Angola; two grandmothers, Judy Nichols of Auburn and Susanna Johnson of Auburn; a nephew, Devon Hoover; and two nieces, Autumn Hoover and Haley Hoover.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the family

Kylie Everage

ST. JOE — Kylie Renée Everage, 2, died Sunday evening at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 28, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Kylie Everage

Surviving are her mother, Monica Witte of Auburn; her father, Dustin Everage of Auburn; her stepfather, Shane Stevens of Auburn; five grandparents, Jim and Diane Witte of St. Joe; and Tonya Baughman, Pat Teegarden and Mark Crossley, all of Auburn; seven great-grandparents, Dick and Janice Witte of St. Joe, Jack and Brenda Jenkins of St. Joe, Kathleen Hicks of Columbia City and John and Mary Jane Cain of Auburn; and a great-great grandmother, Kathleen Fromm of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe. Pastor Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House, 435 Limestone, Indianapolis IN 46202.

Ryan Detloff

HELMER — Ryan A. Detloff, 28, died Monday in an automobile accident near Howe.

Mr. Detloff was employed as an ironworker with Local 395. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited and a 1993 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

He was born Feb. 9, 1975, in Hammond.

Surviving are his parents, Sherri and George Dale Hoffman of Helmer; one sister, Holly Hoffman of Helmer; one brother, Justin Hoffman of Ashley; a grandmother, Fran Detloff of Calumet City, Ill.; a grandfather, George B. Hoffman Jr. of Avon; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Steve Brittenham will officiate.

Calling is Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Danny Gannon

ROME CITY — Danny R. Gannon, 46, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, in Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He had been ill since 1993 and was disabled.

Mr. Gannon came to the area with his family from West Virginia in 1958.

He was born Dec. 24, 1956, in Welch, W.Va., to Robert and Sarah (Phillips) Gannon. They survive in Rome City.

He married Geraldine Wallen on Dec. 30, 1978, in Rome City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Peggy Gannon of Rome City; two brothers, George and Kenneth Gannon, both of Rome City; and a sister, Laurie Flint of Corunna.

His brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Ontario Cemetery in LaGrange County.

There will be no calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Rich

BUTLER — Mildred J. Rich, 87, died Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at 4:05 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Rich worked at Universal Tool & Stamping in Butler for 22 years, retiring in 1980.

She was born June 3, 1915, in Waterloo to Shirley and Lulu (Zerkle) Freed.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, L. Charlene and Richard Badman of Waterloo; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Patricia and Laben Lumpkins of Waterloo and Velma Walter of Indianapolis; four grandchildren, James Badman, John Badman, Sarah Imbody and Joseph Badman; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Shirley "Junior" Freed.

A graveside service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Eleanor Casebere

BUTLER — Eleanor I. Casebere, 64, died Tuesday, May 6, 2003, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Casebere was a homemaker and a member of Pythian Sisters Temple 51 in Hamilton, Rebekah Lodge 315 in Hamilton and the Butler Eagles.

She was born Oct. 8, 1938, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to Harold and Viola M. (Crowl) Beard.

She married Curtis Casebere on Dec. 29, 1961, in Hamilton. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a son, Jonathon Casebere of Auburn; a daughter, Melissa Casebere of Angola; a sister, Eloise Platter of Hamilton; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about survivors.

Kylie Everage

ST. JOE — Kylie Renée Everage, 2, died Sunday evening at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 28, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Kylie Everage

Surviving are her mother, Monica Witte of Auburn; her father, Dustin Everage of Auburn; her stepfather, Shane Stevens of Auburn; five grandparents, Jim and Diane Witte of St. Joe; and Tonya Baughman, Pat Teegarden and Mark Crossley, all of Auburn; eight great-grandparents, Dick and Janice Witte of St. Joe, Jack and Brenda Jenkins of St. Joe, Kathleen Hicks of Columbia City, Bonnie Everage of Waterloo and John and Mary Jane Cain of Auburn; and two great-great grandparents, Kathleen Fromm of Fort Wayne and Harold Johnston Sr. of Auburn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe. Pastor Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is today from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House, 435 Limestone, Indianapolis IN 46202.

Sarah Tan

ANGOLA — Sarah A. Tan, 92, formerly of Angola, died Monday, May 5, 2003, in St. Francis Hospital at Beech Grove.

She was a waitress at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City for 26 years.

She was born Oct. 9, 1910, in Manhattan, New York City, to Robert and Margaret (Deerey) Young.

She married Israel Tan on July 2, 1947, in New York City.

He died March 22, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Lillian Roerden of Butler; two granddaughters, Barbara A. Hinen of Indianapolis and Karen L. McClintock of Cadillac, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Elden Miller

GIBSON CITY, Ill. — Elden F. Miller, 83, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at Gibson Area Hospital in Gibson City, Ill.

A Gibson City resident since 1959, he was service manager of Ryder Rental Trucking in Gibson City for many years, retiring in 1982. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 568 and the Brotherton Keller Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

He was born July 13, 1919, in Ashley to Frederick and Katherine (Karst) Miller.

He married Alice Wright Jesse on Oct. 23, 1976, in Gibson City. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Miller of Fort Wayne and Kevin Miller of Velma, Okla.; a daughter, Kerin Balyeat of Pleasant Lake; a stepson, Fred Jesse of Bloomington; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Moxley of Gibson City; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank "Pete" Miller of Ashley; and four sisters, Mary Ferris and Josephine Riddle, both of Florida, and Phyllis Hartman and Betty Smith, both of Angola.

A brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Graveside services were conducted April 29 in Drummer Township Cemetery, Gibson City, with the Rev. Joseph Mundakal officiating. Lee Lowery American Legion Post 568, of Gibson City, conducted military rites.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Hughes

GARRETT — Mary E. Hughes, 81, died Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at 8:05 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mrs. Hughes was a homemaker. She had worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for three years during World War II. She also had worked at KFS Studios in Garrett for five years.

She was born May 7, 1921, in Lebanon, Ind., to Carl and Katie (Vaughn) Linton. She graduated from Lebanon High School in 1939.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Milledgeville, the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary, and Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Garrett.

She is survived by her husband, C. Lee Hughes of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilee and Harve Harris of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Jane Linton of Speedway; two grandchildren and their spouses, David and Jenny Harris and Julie and Tim Holwerda; four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Alex and Landon Holwerda and Emma Grace Harris; three nieces, Katy Jane DeBikey, Judy Weller and Jill Overmier; and a nephew, Michael L. Hughes.

Two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Larry Weller officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Indiana Organ Procurement or the Fayette Street Church of Christ, Hillsdale, Mich.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ricky Otis

FORT WAYNE — Ricky L. Otis, 46, died Tuesday, May 6, 2003, in Huntertown.

Mr. Otis was a machinist with Flickinger Industries for 24 years and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born in Fort Wayne to Delbert G. and Regina Otis.

Surviving are two daughters, Katie and Rachel Otis, both of Fort Wayne; his former wife, Diane K. Otis; his mother, Regina Otis of Harker Heights, Texas; eight brothers, Dana R. of Round Rock, Texas, Steven E. of Huntertown, Thomas E. of Killeen, Texas, Kenneth J. of Fort Wayne, Rodney P. of Belton, Texas, Phillip A. of Harker Heights, Charles M. of Columbia City, and Joseph K. of Irmo, S.C.; five sisters, Kathleen "Kit" Curran of Auburn, Sue Ellen Slater of Hudson, Christi L. Jauregui of Fort Wayne, and Carol A. Smith and Mary E. Heckman, both of Columbia City; and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

John Schultis

ANGOLA — John P. "Hammer" Schultis, 59, died Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 7 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schultis worked for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army. He belonged to American Legion Post 423 in Orland.

He was born Jan. 16, 1944, in Marysville, Ohio, to Earl V. and Florence (Conner) Schultis. They preceded him in death.

He married Amy Yockey on Oct. 8, 1977, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, John P. Schultis Jr. of Auburn; two brothers, James Schultis of Albion and Tom Schultis of Churubusco; two sisters, Margaret Scher of Huntington and Maryann Koons of Spencerville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services by American Legion Post 423 of Orland.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire Department or American Legion Post 423 of Orland.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Marilyn Weaver

AUBURN — Marilyn A. Weaver, 60, died Thursday, May 8, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Weaver

Mrs. Weaver was a domestic engineer and had worked four years for Renaissance Publishing Co. and eight years for the DeKalb Council on Aging.

She was president of the Extension Homemakers of DeKalb County and a member of Travelers Protective Association and Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 9, 1942, in Huntington.

Surviving are her husband, Theodore Weaver of Auburn; four daughters, Cassie Baron of Auburn, Mandi Morton of Fort Wayne, Dawn Weaver of Frankfort and Darlene Weaver of Fort Wayne; four brothers, John E. Hesting of Gastonia, N.C., Jerry W. Hesting and Mark D. Hesting, both of Huntington, and David A. Hesting of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Sharon Double and Nancy Buzzard, both of Huntington; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association, the Heart Fund or Masses at the church.

Mark Crain

FREMONT — Mark M. Crain, 84, died Thursday, May 8, 2003.

He was born Feb. 28, 1919, in Steuben County to Theodore M. and Vera (Graun) Crain. His first wife, Phyllis Ruth Crain, died Dec. 20, 1988. He married Retha Coggeshall Sept. 29, 1989. She survives.

Mr. Crain was a retired farmer, having his own farm for 60 years. He retired from Metal Spinners in 1998, where he had worked 14 years.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Mark Crain of Bloomington, Ted Crain of Bixby, Okla., and Alan Crain of Livonia, Mich.; two daughters, Ruth Holtzman of Fort Wayne and Roberta Osborne of Fremont; three stepsons, Glenn Kessler of Auburn, and Tony and Jeffery Thrush of Orland; a stepdaughter, Kay Roose of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Virginia Persman and Mary Lou Bailey, both of El Paso, Texas, Julia Dixon of Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Kaiser of Huntertown; 13 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Thomas and William Crain, and two sisters, Jean Bieber and Connie Bugbee.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are to donor's choice.

Bernadette Meyer

AVILLA — Bernadette C. Meyer, 80, died at 10:15 a.m. Friday, May 9, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Nov. 3, 1922, in Waterloo to George and Marie (Hoff) Shoudel. She married Herman E. Meyer June 28, 1945, in Auburn. He died Oct. 2, 1960.

Mrs. Meyer worked at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and sold Avon products for more than 50 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, and she enjoyed cooking.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Thomas Smith of Fort Wayne and Mary Kay and Ed Helmkamp of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David "Sweeney" and Clora Meyer of Avilla and John Meyer of Avilla; five grandchildren, Jennifer Wells, Kimberly Anderson, Brian Meyer, Alan Smith and Steve Smith; a great-grandson, Ryan Patrick Wells; and a sister, Agnes Ball of Auburn.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were four brothers, George, Clarance, Adolf "Spike" and Alfred Shoudel; and one sister, Mary Jo Weimer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where a Rosary service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday. Additional calling is one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or to the Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

Marshall Crisp

MUNCIE — Marshall R. Crisp, 72, of Muncie, died Thursday, May 8, 2003, at Ball Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

Mr. Crisp

Mr. Crisp attended school in Tennessee. A self-employed carpenter for over 50 years, he was very dedicated to his work and had a great love for his family. He attended area churches regularly and enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting. He had a love for music and played the guitar.

He was born Nov. 21, 1930, in Uniata, Tenn., to John and Carrie Morton Crisp.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry Crisp-Ridge and Jeff Ridge of Butler and Patricia and John Sterling of Warsaw; one brother, Walter Crisp of Muncie; and four grandchildren Miranda and Shannon Sterling and Warsaw and Ryan Ridge and Karla Ridge of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay Frances Bell Crisp; four sisters, Minnie Tedrow, Carrie Lee Carpenter, Elvira Simmons and Viola Crisp; and one brother, John Henry Crisp.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Parson Mortuary with the Rev. Hoyt Davis officiating. Burial will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affillate, Memorials and Tributes Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago IL 60678-3968.

Online condolences may be sent to www.parsonmortuary.com.

Harvey Kauffman

TOPEKA — Harvey A. Kauffman, 83, died Saturday, May 10, 2003, at 6:50 a.m. at his residence.

A resident of LaGrange County for more than 50 years, Mr. Kauffman worked as a carpenter until his retirement in 1995. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born May 23, 1919, in Arthur, Ill., to Alfred and Clara (Miller) Kauffman.

He married Fannie Plank on Dec. 19, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Lizzie Kauffman of Millersburg, Alfred and Katie Kauffman of Middlebury, Harvey Jr. and Fern Kauffman of Middlebury, Ira and Patty Kauffman of Goshen and Steve and Wilma Kauffman of Shipshewana; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Daniel Bontrager of Topeka and Katie and John Eash of Topeka; three brothers, Steve Kauffman of Arthur, Ill., Dave Kauffman of Ignatius, Mont., and Joe Kauffman of Goshen; one sister, Katie Plank of Goshen; 34 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were an infant daughter, Barbara; one son, Joni; his parents and four brothers, Menno, George, Jacob and Ben.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the John Eash residence, 228A Nature Trail, Topeka. Officiating will be Bishop Samuel Hershberger and Home Ministers. Burial will be at Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the John Eash residence.

Pallbearers will be Steve Kauffman, John Kauffman, Steve Bontrager and Kevin Eash.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

J. Emory Heitz

GARRETT — J. Emory Heitz, 94, died Saturday, May 10, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

A 92-year resident of the Garrett area, Mr. Heitz was a farmer from 1940 to 1960, then became a custodian for Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools until he retired in 1985.

He was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett. He was a ham radio operator.

He was born July 12, 1908, in Garrett to Joseph and Oma (Strouse) Heitz.

He married Eunice M. Flory on April 17, 1942, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth Heitz of Garrett and John Heitz of Kendallville; a daughter, Sharon Heitz of New Haven; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Amber Clark.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Keith D. Davis will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Robert Knott

LAOTTO — Robert John Knott, 89, of rural LaOtto, died Saturday, May 10, 2003, at 1:26 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Knott, who had resided in LaOtto for 89 years, worked as a farmer and fuel truck driver for S & S Oil Co. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in rural Garrett.

He was born Aug. 23, 1913, in Auburn to Fred and Cora Estella (Heitz) Knott.

He married Eloise L. Hogue on Dec. 24, 1936, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Fred Knott of LaOtto, Jim and Jackie Knott of Garrett, Bill and Arlene Knott of LaOtto; one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Stuart Harshman of Garrett; eight grandchildren and 14 great-granchildren; three nephews, Bob (and wife Jean) Bauman of Waterloo, Dick Wildeson of LaOtto and John Wildeson of Naperville, Ill., and one niece and her husband, Barbara and Tony Klies of Conway, Ark.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Frieda Knott, Wilma Wildeson and Opal Bauman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Brad Hardesty will officiate. Burial will be Monday at Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Susan Holmes

AUBURN — Susan Holmes, 79, died Saturday, May 10, 2003, at Peabody Retirement in North Manchester.

Mrs. Holmes worked as a cafeteria manager at McKenney-Harrison School. She was a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 31, 1923, in Auburn to Charles and Lydia (Searfoss) Daub.

She married Robert R. Holmes on Oct. 18, 1945. He died Jan. 18, 2003.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Shirley Holmes of Laketon; one daughter, Linda Sue Holmes McCoy of Sparks, Nev.; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were four brothers, two sisters, one grandson and her parents.

No services or calling are scheduled. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

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Bernadette Meyer

AVILLA — Bernadette C. Meyer, 80, died at 10:15 a.m. Friday, May 9, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Nov. 3, 1922, in Waterloo to George and Marie (Hoff) Shoudel. She married Herman E. Meyer June 28, 1945, in Auburn. He died Oct. 2, 1960.

Mrs. Meyer worked at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and sold Avon products for more than 50 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, and she enjoyed cooking.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Thomas Smith of Fort Wayne and Mary Kay and Ed Helmkamp of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David "Sweeney" and Clora Meyer of Avilla and John Meyer of Avilla; five grandchildren, Jennifer Wells, Kimberly Anderson, Brian Meyer, Alan Smith and Steve Smith; a great-grandson, Ryan Patrick Wells; and a sister, Agnes Ball of Auburn.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were a daughter, Margaret Meyer, who died in 1973; four brothers, George, Clarance, Adolf "Spike" and Alfred Shoudel; and one sister, Mary Jo Weimer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where a Rosary service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday.

Additional calling is one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or to the Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

Lee Williams Jr.

EDON, Ohio — Lee H. Williams Jr., 79, died Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where he was a patient.

Mr. Williams was a welder with Universal Tool in Butler prior to his retirement.

He was born Sept. 17, 1923, in Hubbard County, Minn., to Lee and Agnes (Anderson) Williams.

He married Ethel Mary "Betty" Gallapo in October 1948. She died Oct. 10, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Roberta Williams of Edon; a daughter, Cherry R. Petre of Waterloo; a sister, Betty Hinnenkant of Shakoppe, Minn.; and four grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Columbia Church of Christ, with Pastor Cliff Graves officiating. There will be no public calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to williamsfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

This obituary is being reprinted with additional information.

Mark Crain

FREMONT — Mark M. Crain, 84, died Thursday, May 8, 2003.

Mr. Crain was retired from farming after 60 years. He retired in 1998 from Metal Spinners, where he had worked 14 years.

He was born Feb. 28, 1919, in Steuben County to Theodore M. and Vera (Graun) Crain.

His first wife, Phyllis Ruth Crain, died Dec. 20, 1988.

He married Retha Coggeshall on Sept. 29, 1989. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Mark Crain of Bloomington, Ted Crain of Bixby, Okla., and Alan Crain of Livonia, Mich.; two daughters, Ruth Holtzman of Fort Wayne and Roberta Osborne of Fremont; four stepsons, Glenn Kessler of Auburn, and Tony and Jeffery Thrush of Orland, and Dewayne Thrush of Munith, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Kay Roose of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Virginia Persman and Mary Lou Bailey, both of El Paso, Texas, Julia Dixon of Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Kaiser of Huntertown; 13 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Thomas and William Crain, and two sisters, Jean Bieber and Connie Bugbee.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Linda Jacquay

AUBURN — Linda S. Jacquay, 43, died Saturday, May 10, 2003, in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Jacquay was a homemaker and a member of Mountain Creek Community Church of Dallas.

She was born June 25, 1959, in Fort Wayne to James L. and Ann C. Seigel of Auburn.

She married Ronald W. Jacquay on March 6, 1982, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Annie Jacquay of Auburn; two brothers, Jeffrey J. Seigel of Auburn and Kenneth W. Seigel of Huntertown; two sisters, Carol R. Harbor of Fort Wayne and Judy Harris of Bloomfield, N.M.; seven nieces and five nephews.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in Dayspring Community Church, 1700 E. Seventh St., Auburn. The Rev. Bill Lyne will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Mountain Creek Community Church, 5950 Englewood Drive, Dallas, TX 75249.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Betty Roop

AUBURN — Betty J. Roop, 80, died Monday, May 12, 2003, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Roop

Mrs. Roop worked as a cook at the City Cafe in Auburn, then at Glen Oaks for 13 1/2 years and at Northway Inn of 16 years before retiring. She was a former resident of St. Joe and attended Concord United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 11, 1922, in St. Joe to Harry E. and Helen M. (Gamble) Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Roop, her parents and a brother, Richard Smith.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Margo and Victor Housel and Carrie Ann and Richard Toy, all of Auburn; a sister, Frances Carr of Auburn; four grandchildren, Annette Shumaker, Brian Ort, Randy Toy (and his wife, Judy) and Kevin Toy (and his wife, Joy); and two great-grandchildren, Krysten Shumaker and Faith Toy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesay from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or DeKalb Memorial Home Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Kenneth Groff

ANTIOCH, Ill. — Kenneth Eugene Groff, 74, died April 22, 2003, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Groff graduated from Butler High School in 1946. He served in the Army Air Force on Guam in 1947 and 1948 and attended West Point in 1949. He received a bachelor's degree from Ball State University and a master's degree from the University of Southern California.

He taught high school physical education and coached boys' basketball in California for several years.

Changing professions, he managed an office for Travelers Insurance Co. for 23 years. He then took a position as vice president of the insurance division of Koenig and Strey in Glenview, Ill., until retiring in 1989. He attained a Chartered Life Underwriter degree and stock broker and financial planner licenses.

He lived an active life, traveling and enjoying family. He was an avid golfer. In 1994, he golfed in the Buick Pro-Am at Cog Hill County Club. He was thrilled to have golfed in a foursome with Steve Stricker.

He was born June 10, 1928, in Edgerton, Ohio, to George W. and Helen Seibenaler Groff.

He married his high school sweetheart, Frances M. Wilson of Butler, on Dec. 24, 1949. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and John Fischer of Grayslake, Ill., and Vicky and Eric Nielsen of Seoul, South Korea; five grandchildren, Timothy and Taffney Fischer and Kirstin, Peter and Katrina Nielsen; two brothers, Maurice Groff of Butler and Donald Groff of Edgerton, Ohio; one sister, Doris Singleton of Auburn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Marc L. Groff, in 1987, a brother, Edward H. Groff, and a sister, Betty Beard.

A memorial service took place May 2 in Grayslake, Ill.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010.

Norval Conine

AUBURN — Norval Conine, 96, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at Wesley Health Care.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Loyd Oswalt

BROOKVILLE, Ohio — Loyd E. "Doc" Oswalt, 85, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at Brookhaven Nursing & Care Center in Brookville, Ohio.

He graduated from Monroe High School in 1935 and from Ohio State University in 1940 with a degree in veterinary medicine. He was a member of the Alpha Psi fraternity. He spent his entire career as a veterinarian in Phillipsburg and was an avid golfer.

He was born May 29, 1917, to Virgil and Maude Oswalt in rural Darke County, Ohio, near Pitsburg.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, ImaLou (Flory) Oswalt; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Doneta Oswalt of Auburn; a daughter, Suzanne Altenburg of Rochelle, Ill.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Carl.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) Friday at the Salem Church of the Brethren in Union, Ohio. Pastors Scott Bollinger, Hal Copley and Alvin Cook will officiate. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-7 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home in Brookville and at the church Friday one hour before the service.

Memorials are to the Salem Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to the family from the funeral home's Web site, www.gilbert-fellers.com.

Gertrude McKenzie

MONTPELIER, Ohio —. Gertrude B. (Fee) McKenzie, 79, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio, following a lingering illness.

Mrs. McKenzie was a homemaker and a member of the Angola Church of the Nazarene. She was a longtime Indiana resident before relocating to Montpelier in 1973.

She was born July 9, 1923, in Topeka, to George F. and Addie A. (Earnhart) Kindig.

She was married to Lloyd Fee and he preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 1969.

She then was married to Gerald McKenzie. He died on May 16, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Sandra Kindig of Elkhart and John "Jack" and Teri Fee of Bryan, Ohio; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Joann and Lee Simonds of Fort Wayne, Linda and Robert Zimmer of Montpelier and Sandra Lewis of Willow Springs, Mo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Glen A. and Ilene Kindig of Three Rivers, Mich.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Virgie Avery and Marian Stump, both of Constantine, Mich. and Betty and Jack Guipe of Niles, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jacquline May Kindig in 1965, a brother, Durward Kindig, and four sisters, Marguerite Everett, Mary Londick, Nellie Youngblood and Lois Eddy.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday (Indiana time) at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, with Pastor Roger Blough officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times).

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Elizabeth Warstler

RICHMOND — Elizabeth K. Warstler, 91, formerly of Spencerville, died Wednesday evening, May 14, 2003, in the Golden Rule Nursing Home in Richmond.

She was born Nov., 17, 1991, in Lipscomb County, Texas, to Samuel Willard Calvert and Mary Jane (Zehandner) Calvert.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna of Allegan, Mich.; two sons, Eugene of St. Joe and Dale of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; five grandchildren, Donna, Richard, Julie, David and Jennifer; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua, Elizabeth, Casandra, Robert, Karisa, Dominic and Kaleb; and a cousin, Mary of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Pastor Gerry Weesner will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery at Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathyCBW@aol.com.

Michael Mack

BUTLER — Michael L. Mack, 57, died Monday, May 12, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Mack was employed as a security guard with Burns Security for five years and was a member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born May 9, 1946, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Richard and Juanita (Thomas) Mack.

He is survived by three sons, Jeff Mack of Tucson, Ariz., Gerald Likens of Hamilton and David Likens of Auburn; three daughters, Diane Treesh of Auburn, Lynette Yontz of Hamilton and Monica Dolby of Tucson; three brothers, Frank Mack of Hamilton and Richard Mack and Thomas Mack, both of St. Joe; three sisters, Christine A. Baughman and Bobbie R. Crager, both of Butler, and Lois M. Richey of Leesburg; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ronald, and a sister, Diana Kounce.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Norval Conine

AUBURN — Norval R. Conine, 96, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 1:05 p.m. at Wesley Health Care.

Mr. Conine

Mr. Conine worked at County Line Cheese Co., retiring in 1972. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 19, 1907, at Coburn Corners in DeKalb County to Wayne E. and Iva E. (Banks) Conine.

He married Leah Means on May 17, 1947, in Angola. She died Aug. 24, 1992.

Surviving are two daughters, Mabel Rinard of Spencerville and Barbara Broeking of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Sandra Kotzenmoyer, Rick Rinard and Gary Rinard; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Redding and Lucille Nelson, and a brother, Mervin Conine.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Tom Murrill officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling is Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Health Care or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Judy Ruiz

FORT WAYNE — Judy K. Atwood Ruiz, 61, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at Courtland Health and Rehabilitation Center, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker and enjoyed arranging silk flowers. She was a published poet and in 1977 recorded a song, "I'll Put My All in Loving You." She had a passion for music and was a member of Statewood Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Tamara L. Brown of Auburn, Ruth A. Siegfried of Carmel and Cindy R. Conser of Auburn; two sisters, Carole J. Wood of New Haven and Sue Hammond of Garrett; and five granddaughters.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Brandon

GERMANTOWN, Ohio — Thomas J. Brandon, 49, died Thursday, May 15, 2003.

Mr. Brandon graduated from Indiana University in 1976 and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He was a member of Emmanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lions Club, both in Germantown. He was an avid Valley View sports fan and served as the soccer team photographer.

He was born March 3, 1954, in Garrett to Claude and Martha "Jean" (McNabb) Brandon.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Judy (Dreyer) Brandon of Germantown; a daughter, Laura Brandon of Germantown; a son, Michael Brandon of Germantown; his mother, Jean Brandon of Noblesville; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Greg King of Noblesville; a niece, Emily King of Noblesville; and a nephew, Brandon King of St. Louis, Mo.

His father, Claude Brandon, preceded him in death.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, 30 W. Warren St., Germantown, with Pastor Michael A. Havey officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at the church.

A graveside service will take place Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Emmanuel's Lutheran Church.

Elizabeth Warstler

RICHMOND — Elizabeth K. Warstler, 91, formerly of Spencerville, died Wednesday evening, May 14, 2003, in the Golden Rule Nursing Home in Richmond.

She was born Nov., 17, 1911, in Lipscomb County, Texas, to Samuel Willard Calvert and Mary Jane (Zehandner) Calvert.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna of Allegan, Mich.; two sons, Eugene of St. Joe and Dale of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; five grandchildren, Donna, Richard, Julie, David and Jennifer; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua, Elizabeth, Casandra, Robert, Karisa, Dominic and Kaleb; and a cousin, Mary of Butler.

Services were at 11 a.m. today in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Pastor Gerry Weesner officiated. Burial was in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery at Leo-Cedarville.

Calling was today from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathyCBW@aol.com.

Scarlet Barrington

BUTLER — Scarlet D. Barrington, 3 months old, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 7:10 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 5, 2003, in Fort Wayne to Shannon and Melissa (Barrington) Frey. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are a brother, Jerome D. Barrington of Butler; a sister, Renee E. Groff of Butler; a maternal grandmother, Judy Ordway of Butler; and paternal grandparents Tammy and Randy Sonner of Butler and Mark and Lana Frey of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, James Barrington.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Butler Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Witt officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 1-2 p.m., at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the family.

Chester Mountz

KENDALLVILLE — Chester L. "Chet" Mountz, 75, of Kendallville, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 1:43 p.m. in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville.

Mr. Mountz retired in 1991 from Flint & Walling, Kendallville, and has been working for Mittler Supply. He was a member of American Legion Post 86, a Navy veteran of World War II and an avid Chicago White Sox fan.

He was born May 21, 1927, in Garrett to Chester LeRoy and Alvina (Rickey) Mountz.

On April 22, 1967, he married Ruth Swander in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Kristi Hauenstein of Elkhart, Vicki Mountz of Angola, and Judy Keys and Nancy Zion, both of Auburn; three stepsons, Gary McDonald of Rome City, Michael McDonald of Shipshewana and Terry McDonald of Kendallville; and several grand children and great-grandchildren.

Six brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. The Rev. Kevin Sneed of Kendallville Church of the Nazarene will officiate.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Russel Freeman

AVILLA — Russel E. Freeman, 73, died Friday, May 16, 2003, at 7:50 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Freeman was a lifetime Avilla resident. He was a farmer and worked as a bartender at the St. James restaurant in Avilla. He also worked at Myer's Farm Equipment. He was a World War II Army Veteran.

He was born Sept. 9, 1929, in Avilla to George W. and Orpha (Gump) Freeman.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, George W. and Janet Freeman of Wolcottville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Jeff Greenfield of Auburn, Sharon and Wendell Wolfe of Auburn and Judy and Ed Delagrange of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Evelyn Blotkamp of Avilla, Marjorie Miller of Garrett, Martha Blomeke of Garrett and Hilda Bergstrom of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandsons and four brothers, Floyd, Bill, Melvin and Bob Freeman.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in the Embrey Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Avona McConnell

WATERLOO — Avona E. McConnell, 88, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 5:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. McConnell was a homemaker. She was employed at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in the janitorial department for eight years and was a member of Christ's Church of Butler.

She was born April 18, 1915, in Butler to Charles and Cora (Heskett) Mock.

On July 13, 1938, in Bryan, Ohio, she married Delos McConnell. He died May 24, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Gloria McConnell of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita A. Howe and Louis Howe Jr. of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Mock of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lila Russell of Fort Wayne; two daughters-in-law, Sharon and Lila McConnell; and eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Lynn and Gerald, and a brother, Donald Mock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Eugene Diederich

AUBURN — Eugene H. Diederich, 74, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, at home.

Mr. Diederich

On May 3, 1929, in Garrett, he was born to Herman C. and Selma (Grischke) Diederich. He married Norma J. Musser on Nov. 11, 1949, in Auburn. She survives.

He was a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 36 years and a DeKalb County farmer.

Mr. Diederich graduated from St. Joe High School in 1947, belonged to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and was an avid New York Yankees fan.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cary Diederich and Roger and Holly Diederich, all of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shelley and Steve Desper of Wabash, and Susan and Robert Heredia of Auburn; two sisters, Cordelia May of Waterloo, and Joan Swift of Hamilton; six grandchildren, Amy and Jason Morton, Carrie Wagner, Adam and Kelly Desper, and Kyla and Jerad Cole; three great-grandchildren, Carson and Parker Morton, and Dalton Wagner; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Thomas Speidel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Fellers Funeral Home, Waterloo, and prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

E-mail condolences to: sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net

Geraldine Fortna

BUTLER — Geraldine Thelma Fortna, 71, died Friday, May 16, 2003, at 6:18 a.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

A former resident of Ashley, she was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Christian Union at Lebanon, Pa.

She was born June 22, 1941, to Archie and Lily (Keller) Eisenhour..

She was married to Herman C. Fortna Sr.

Surviving are four sons, Herman C. Fortna Jr. of Ashley, John James Fortna of North Carolina, Archie Ray Fortna of Charlotte, N.C., and Eric Lee Fortna of North Carolina; three daughtes, Debra Irene Kistler of Butler, Josephine Ann Fortna of Garrett and Lori Lynne Julow of Waterloo; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sharon Louise Fortna; one brother, Herman Earl Eisenhour; and one infant sister, Joyce.

A memorial service is scheduled for next week at the Church of Christ in Christian Union in Lebanon, Pa. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home of Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

For additional information, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Evelyn Marks

ANGOLA — Evelyn L. Marks, 77, of Angola, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a retired chapter manager of the Steuben County Red Cross and had been a secretary and news reporter for radio station WIFF in Auburn.

Mrs. Marks attended Community of the Cross Church in Angola and was a member of Steuben County Republican Women and the Past Noble Grands Club of Hamilton. She was past district president of District 28 and a 50-year member of the Pleasant Rebekah Lodge 35. She held many offices through the years and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross disaster services, Steuben County Council on Aging, Angola Community Theater and the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

She was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Pleasant Lake to James and Olive (Fritz) Thrush.

She married William Marks on June 28, 1952. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are a son, Devon Marks of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Ron Roberts of Greenfield, and Brenda and Kenny Skaggs of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Jenny Thrush of Winter Garden, Fla., and Kenton and Ila McLaughlin of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Ralph Sennett of Cincinnati, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Michael Rowe, Brent Marks, Matthew Goudy, Daniel Fay, Brenda K. Breckner, Julie Skaggs, Amie Redman, Karen Harrison and Lori Wolf; five great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Goudy, in 1992, and an infant daughter, Mary, a sister, June Cool, and a brother, Dale Thrush.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home with a Rebekah Lodge service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Rebekah Lodge No. 35 and American Red Cross disaster services.

Michelle Ziegler

BUTLER — Michelle Ziegler, 42, formerly of Butler, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, in Naples, Fla. Service arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler.

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Eugene Diederich

AUBURN — Eugene H. Diederich, 74, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Diederich

On May 3, 1929, in Garrett, he was born to Herman C. and Selma (Grischke) Diederich. He married Norma J. Musser on Nov. 11, 1949, in Auburn. She survives.

He was a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 36 years and a DeKalb County farmer.

Mr. Diederich graduated from St. Joe High School in 1947, belonged to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and was an avid New York Yankees fan.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cary Diederich and Roger and Holly Diederich, all of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shelley and Steve Desper of Wabash, and Susan and Robert Heredia of Auburn; two sisters, Cordelia May of Waterloo, and Joan Swift of Hamilton; seven grandchildren, Amy and Jason Morton, Carrie Wagner, Adam and Kelly Desper, and Kyla and Jerad Cole; three great-grandchildren, Carson and Parker Morton, and Dalton Wagner; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Thomas Speidel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

E-mail condolences to: sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Terry Buckner

FORT WAYNE — Terry D. Buckner, 55, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Buckner worked as an employment counselor for Indiana Workforce Development in Fort Wayne and Auburn. He was born in Bloomington.

He was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church and a former member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. He loved sharing the Gospel through humor and clowning.

Surviving are his wife, Lane (Long) of Fort Wayne; his parents, Robert and Mary Buckner of Bloomington; three sisters, Erin Dulin of Brazil, Ind., and Denni Buckner and Robin Wampler, both of Bloomington.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne. A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Brown Cemetery at Millersburg.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A vigil service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Big Brothers.

Dolores DeLong

FORT WAYNE — Dolores DeLong, 97, died Saturday, May 17, 2003. Service arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

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Arthur Boseker

FORT WAYNE — Arthur F. Boseker, 93, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Boseker

Mr. Boseker was the founder, president and co-owner of General Tool & Die, retiring in 1972 after 25 years.

He also was the founder, president and co-owner of Royal Industries in Auburn, retiring in 1998 after 25 years.

He and three other parents founded what is now known as Easter Seals ARC of Northeast Indiana. Mr. Boseker served as the first president.

He also served on the boards of Concordia Lutheran High School as treasurer, Lutheran Hospital as treasurer and Orchard Ridge Country Club as president.

He was born Jan. 4, 1910, and was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Erna (Kruse) Boseker; one daughter, Shelia Boseker of Sycamore, Ill; two sons, Kenneth Boseker of Waterloo and Larry Boseker of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Deanna, Todd, Julie, Chad and Thomas; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4:30-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis., or Concordia Lutheran High School's Arthur and Erna Boseker Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Donald Dame

GARRETT — Donald E. Dame, 78, died Sunday, May 18, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dame worked as a fireman for the B&O Railroad, owned and operated Dame's Cleaners in Garrett and worked at General Electric for 19 years, retiring in 1986. He was a World War II Veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Garrett City Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, R.A.M. Council, Commandry, Knights York Cross of Honor, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, Allied Masonic Council, First Baptist Church of Garrett and Gideons International.

He was born July 21, 1924, in Garrett to Charles and Kathryn (Pausel) Dame.

He married Phyllis Hampshire on March 12, 1954, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Diana Frey of Granger; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and David Stark of Fort Wayne and Cindy and Tim Moody of Bloomfield; one brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Maxine Dame of California; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Garrett. The Rev. Arthur Ferry will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

An Eastern Star service will be conducted Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Garrett and Gideons International.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

M. Jean Brandon

AUBURN — M. Jean Brandon, 75, died Monday, May 19, 2003, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Craig Taylor

AUBURN — Craig D. Taylor, 60, of Auburn, died Monday, May 19, 2003, at 9:02 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Taylor was a funeral director.

His wife, Nancy, survives.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Dolores DeLong

FORT WAYNE — Dolores DeLong, 97, died Saturday, May 17, 2003.

Mrs. DeLong

Mrs. DeLong was a homemaker and a beloved mother and grandmother. She lived in Elwood before moving to Fort Wayne in 1983.

She was born July 3, 1905, in Elwood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold DeLong, and a daughter, Sherry Sue.

Surviving are a son, Jerome DeLong of Auburn; a daughter, Myrna Fettig of Fort Wayne; her grandchildren, Mark Fettig, Maureen Briones, Matthew Fettig, Jon Fettig, Melissa Pierce, Kristi Hart, Keith Fettig, Kevin DeLong, Laura Terlosky and Sherry Daughetee; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in C.M. Sloan & Son Funeral Home.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne or Church of Divine Science.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Nelson Smith

ALBION — Nelson Bernard Smith, 79, of Albion, died at 8:52 a.m. Monday, May 19, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was a farmer for 59 years, and enjoyed fishing and farming. He had lived in Noble County since 1947, coming from Arcola.

Mr. Smith was a U.S. Army World War II veteran as a private first class and a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240.

On Jan. 25, 1924, in New Paris, he was born to Joy and Anna (Cart) Smith.

He married Martha Earnhart on Nov. 1, 1947, in Collins, Ind. She survives in rural Albion.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Karen Smith of Waterloo and Donald Smith of LaOtto; a sister, Phyllis Penrose of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Nelson and Jason Smith; a granddaughter, Jamie Smith; three stepgrandchildren, Steve, Greg and Debbie Smith; four great-grandchildren, Oliva, Alex, Anthony and Evan; and one stepgreat-grandchild, Braelynn.

Two sisters, Louise Helm and Berden Hutsell, two brothers, Dale and Everett Smith, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Special military graveside services will be conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

This obituary is being reprinted with additional information about surviving family members.

Chester Mountz

KENDALLVILLE — Chester L. "Chet" Mountz, 75, of Kendallville, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 1:43 p.m. in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room.

Mr. Mountz retired in 1991 from Flint & Walling in Kendallville and had been working for Mittler Supply. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, a member of American Legion Post 86 and an avid Chicago White Sox fan.

He was born May 21, 1927, in Garrett to Chester LeRoy and Alvina (Rickey) Mountz.

On April 22, 1967, he married Ruth Swander in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Kristi Hauenstein of Elkhart, Vicki J. Derbyshire of Angola, and Judy K. Kees and Nancy A. Zion, both of Auburn; a son, Gary L. Mountz of Auburn; three stepsons, Gary McDonald of Rome City, Michael McDonald of Shipshewana and Terry McDonald of Kendallville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Six brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Services were conducted Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. The Rev. Kevin Sneed of the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene officiated.

Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

This obituary is being reprinted with additional information about the family.

Donald Dame

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Mr. Dame worked as a fireman for the B&O Railroad, owned and operated Dame's Cleaners in Butler and worked at General Electric for 19 years, retiring in 1986. He was a World War II Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Dame

He was a member of Garrett City Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, R.A.M. Council, Commandry, Knights York Cross of Honor, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, Allied Masonic Council, First Baptist Church of Garrett and Gideons International.

He was born July 21, 1924, in Garrett to Charles and Kathryn (Pausel) Dame.

He married Phyllis (Hampshire) Dame on March 12, 1954, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Diana Frey of Granger; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and David Stark of Fort Wayne and Cindy and Tim Moody of Bloomfield; one brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Maxine Dame of California; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert; and three children.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Garrett. The Rev. Arthur Ferry will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church. Masonic and Eastern Star services will be conducted at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Garrett and Gideons International.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Phyllis Davis

HAMILTON — Phyllis L. Davis, 77, died Tuesday, May 20, 2003.

She worked at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, the Butler Hotel and the Sheehy Nursing Home.

She was born Aug. 31, 1925, in Coesse to Clifford L. and Emma M. Curry.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Francis Waters, Clarence "Jack" Davis and Cleo Combs.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Darwin and Norma Combs of Auburn, Claude and Drucilla Combs of Butler, John Combs of Hudson and Marion and Laura Waters of Garrett; two daughters, Lana Pope of North Carolina and Anna Lesher of Angola; 15 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, 23 great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and five stepgreat-great grandchildren; and three half-brothers, Bobby, Jimmy and Walter Grim.

Also preceding her in death were two daughters, Carolyn Abernathy and Phyllis Waters, and three grandchildren, Tina Lane, Tammy McBride and Duane Sachy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Craig Taylor

AUBURN — Craig D. Taylor, 60, died Monday, May 19, 2003, at 9:02 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor had been a funeral director since 1966. He first worked for McKee Funeral Home in Garrett, then for D.O. McComb & Sons funeral homes, managing McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn until 1999. He worked for Meeks Mortuary in Muncie for one year, then for Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo from July 2000 until his death.

He was a fourth-degree member of Knights of Columbus and a member of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association and the Union Township Advisory Board.

A past president of Auburn Lions Club, he was a charter member of the Auburn Classic Lions Club and organized the new Leo Club, sponsored by Lions for local young people.

He also was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge, Auburn Moose Lodge, Shifters Car Club of Auburn and the Auburn Improvement Association. He was a past member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Board.

He directed the makeup department for DeKalb High School musical productions for the past 16 years.

He was born Sept. 13, 1942, in Kendallville to Dexter and Ethel Taylor. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Kendallville.

He married Nancy Mallon on Feb. 13, 1965, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Laura Taylor of Fishers; a daughter and son-in-law, Leslye and Bryan Yard of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Zach Taylor, Madison Taylor, Abygail Yard and Josh Yard.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

A Lions Club service will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with a wake service following at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb High School Music Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Michele Zeigler Racy

BUTLER — Michele Marie Zeigler Racy, 43, of Naples, Fla., died Saturday, May 17, 2003.

Born Oct. 26, 1959, she was a former resident of Butler. She graduated from Eastside High School in 1978 and from Ball State University in 1982 with a degree in fashion merchandising.

Michele Racy

She worked for 13 years as a district manager for Limited Express, running 10 stores. She worked at John Robert Powers modeling agency and for the past year had been an associate of Dillards.

She attended the Naples Baptist Church and loved God and her family.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Karen and Jerry Schaab of Hamilton; her father, Robert Zeigler of Hamilton; a sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Clint Taylor of Naples; a brother, Michael of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Jonella Schaab; two stepbrothers, Fred and Christopher Schaab; a niece, Jenna Taylor; two nephews, Drew and Dane Taylor; and her fiancé, Edward Monette of Naples.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Butler United Methodist Church.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or the National BiPolar Foundation, 730 N. Franklin St., Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60610.

M. Jean Brandon

AUBURN — M. Jean Brandon, 75, died Monday, May 19, 2003, in Riverview Hospital at Noblesville.

Mrs. Brandon worked as a bookkeeper for Romeiser Drug Store and Keltsch Pharmacy, both in Auburn, for a combined 25 years. She served as assistant to the controller of Mid American Electronics in Auburn for six years. She was a receptionist for Dr. Stanley Greenberg in Garrett for six years.

A 1946 graduate of Auburn High School, she was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, a lifetime member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, a charter member of the ACD Volunteer Club, a former member of the Auburn chapter of Tri Kappa and a present member of Associate Tri Kappa, and a former board member of the American Cancer Society.

She was born March 11, 1928, in Auburn to Earl and Mary (Horn) McNabb.

She married Claude Brandon on Feb. 19, 1949, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn. He died Jan. 26, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Greg King of Noblesville; a daughter-in-law, Judy Brandon of Germantown, Ohio; a sister, Ellen Bates of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Brandon and Emily King and Laura and Michael Brandon.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas James Brandon, on May 15, 2003, and by her parents, a brother, Virgil McNabb, and a sister, Betty McNabb.

A memorial service will begin at 4 p.m. Friday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Steve Kummernus and the Rev. Richard Kraus will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 1-3 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Eckhart Public Library.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Bonecutter

BUTLER — Donald E. Bonecutter, 78, died Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Russell Zeigler

HELTONVILLE — Russell Laverne Zeigler, 63, died suddenly on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, in Lebanon, Tenn.

Mr. Zeigler was a maintenance worker for the Swifty Oil Co. in Seymour and a member of the Moose Lodge in Washington, Ind.

He was born May 7, 1940, in Adair County, Mo., to Russell and Gladys (Wood) Zeigler. They preceded him in death.

He married Carol Dohner on Jan. 4, 1983. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Colleen Kaiser and Marsha Allen, both of Butler, Teresa Zeigler of St. Louis and Dana Riser of Fort Wayne; two sons, Thomas Slaughter and Harlee Zeigler, both of Butler; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Elmwood Chapel of Day & Carter Mortuary, 1133 Lincoln Ave., Bedford. Pastor Russ Sage will officiate.

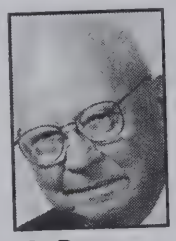
A graveside service will take place Friday at 3 p.m. in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Day & Carter Mortuary.

This is a final revision of this obituary, with additional information about the family.

Donald Dame

GARRETT — Donald E. Dame, 78, died Sunday, May 18, 2003, at approximately 1:15 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Dame

Mr. Dame worked as a fireman for the B&O Railroad, owned and operated Dame's Cleaners in Butler and was employed at General Electric for 19 years, retiring in 1986. He was a World War II Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1942-46.

He was a member of Garrett City Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, R.A.M. Council, Commandry, Knights York Cross of Honor, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, Allied Masonic Council, First Baptist Church of Garrett and Gideons International.

He was born July 21, 1924, in Garrett to Charles Edward Dame and Katharine Johanna (Pasel) Dame.

He married Rosalee Marie (McKibben) in 1947 in Garrett in his parents' home. She survives in Marinette, Wis.

He married Phyllis (Hampshire) Dame on March 12, 1954, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Diana Frey of Granger; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and David Stark of Fort Wayne and Cindy and Tim Moody of Bloomfield; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Richard and Maxine Dame of California and Theresa Marie "Pat" (Miller) Dame of Silver Lake, Ohio (wife of the late Robert Dame); five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert; two daughters, Gwen Opal Dame and Rhonda Jean Dame and one grandchild.

Services were conducted Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Garrett. The Rev. Arthur Ferry officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling was Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday at the church. Masonic and Eastern Star services were conducted at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Garrett and Gideons International.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Vivian Gerst

AUBURN — Vivian M. "Pee Wee" Gerst, 88, died Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Gerst was a practical nurse for Souder Hospital of Auburn, retiring after 20 years of service.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. She organized the Ladies Bowling League in Auburn and was a member of the All-Star Bowling Team in Fort Wayne for six years.

She was a former member and chairman of the DeKalb County Heart Fund. She also was chairman of the DeKalb County March of Dimes campaign for several years.

She was born Feb. 9, 1914, in Auburn to William and Mable (Williams) Refner.

She married Raymond Gerst in 1931. He died in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Sutton of Auburn, and a brother, Stanley Refner of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorris DePew and Mary Miller, and a brother, Willard Refner.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn. Father Chuck Herman will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Hazel Johnson

HUDSON — Hazel L. (Asel) Johnson died Jan. 29, 2003. She was a former resident of LaGrange and Fremont.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at noon at Salem Center Presbyterian Church, 3935 S. 800W, Hudson.

Madeline Sutton

ANGOLA — Madeline Ruth Sutton, 97, died Thursday, May 22, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Sutton was a homemaker. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and was an organist at the Angola Calvary Lutheran Church for 20 years. She taught music at Corunna Public Schools.

She was a graduate of Fremont High School and Tri-State University.

She was born April 18, 1906, in Fremont to Mark Robinson and Orpha (Bailey) Clark.

She was married Delevan Wayne Sutton on Oct. 30, 1926. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Dean Sutton of Ashtabula, Ohio; a daughter, Nancy Moody Cross of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Sally Sutton of Auburn; four grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Lee Wayne Sutton, who died in 1992.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola Calvary Lutheran Church or Angola Christian Church.

Forrest Strawser

KENDALLVILLE — Forrest O. Strawser, 78, died Thursday, May 22, 2003, at Cheboygan Community Hospital in Cheboygan, Mich.

Mr. Strawser

He was co-owner of Strawser Brothers Construction Co., from 1950 until his retirement in 1993. He was a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges and had attended the Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Scott, Ind., to Carl D. and Imogene M. (Bassett) Strawser.

He married Carol Jean Faux on Oct. 21, 1945, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Maynard Allen and Marilyn Strawser of Coldwater, Mich., Robert Forrest and Jean Strawser of Auburn, Stephen Lynn and Teresa Strawser of Fort Wayne and Randall Owen Strawser of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Sherman and Marjorie Strawser of Kendallville; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mildred Todd of Howe, Carol Helmer of LaGrange and Naomi and Don Moore of Kokomo; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a daughter, Linda Lou Strawser, in 1946.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Memorials are to Trinity Christian Youth Fund.

Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sophie Slone

LIGONIER — Sophie Gibson Slone, 78, died Thursday, May 22, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Slone was a member of Salem United Baptist Church. She worked for 40 years at United Technologies and Cromwell Products, retiring in May 1992.

Mrs. Slone

She was born Sept. 1, 1924, in Vest, Ky., to Dan and Margaret (Grigsby) Gibson.

She married Corbet Slone on July 20, 1942, in Vest. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, LaDonna and Larry McConahay of Stroh, Betty and the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle of Hudson and Joeann and Ronald Spade of Angola; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Don Slone; a grandson, Christopher Mynhier; three sisters, Ida Owsley, Lillie Wallen and Flossie Tuttle; and one brother, Earl Gibson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Salem United Baptist Church on S.R. 9 south of Rome City, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle, the Rev. Anthony Sparkman and the Rev. Glen Jackson officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and Sunday after 4 p.m., with services at 6 p.m. at Salem United Baptist Church.

Memorials are to the church.

Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Donald Bonecutter

BUTLER — Donald E. Bonecutter, 78, died Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at 2:14 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bonecutter retired from County Line Cheese Co. in 1941 after 41 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with outstanding bravery, receiving three Purple Heart awards.

Mr. Bonecutter

He was born Sept. 12, 1924, in Butler to Thomas and Pearl (Wing) Bonecutter.

He married Betty Aldrich on Sept. 9, 1950, in Waterloo. She died July 16, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonita Mae Gorsuch of Fort Wayne; a brother, Alvin Ray Bonecutter of California, Mo.; one grandson, Brian Weck of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Andrew, Kayla, Justin and Josh Weck.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and William Bonecutter; two sisters, Marjorie Bonecutter and Donna Kunkle; three half-brothers, Homer, Lowell and Henry Bonecutter; and four half-sisters, Merle McDonald, Gladys Sampsel, Joyce Royer and Anna Grace Keller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Charles Hartranft

AUBURN — Charles M. Hartranft, 79, died Wednesday, May 21, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Hartranft worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp., retiring in 1985 after 43 years of service.

Mr. Hartranft

He was born Dec. 30, 1923, in Butler to Edward and Violet Mae (Ordway) Hartranft.

He married Betty Jean Wirts on Feb. 4, 1944, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cheryle James of Aubun; two sons, Terry Hartranft of Auburn and Lyle Hartranft of Corunna; four sisters, Phyllis Ann Metzler, Norma Jean Keller and Irene Worman, all of Bradenton, Fla., and Fern Flood of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Sue Hartranft; a son-in-law, William Dean James, and two sisters, Thelma Paulen and Erma Bishop.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Raymond Krupka will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses or the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Betty Lou Ankney

ANTWERP, Ohio — Betty Lou Ankney, 77, died Thursday, May 22, 2003, at 6 p.m. at the Medical Center of Bowling Green, Ky.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

She was born June 8, 1925, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Harry and Viva Curtis.

Surviving are five sons, Roger Ankney of Toledo, Ohio, Jesse Ankney of Montpelier, Ohio, Curt Ankney of Angola, Larry Ankney of Bowling Green, Ky., and Doug Ankney of Pound, Va.; a daughter, Linda Mercer of Bowling Green, Ky.; a sister, Helen Keating of Antwerp; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren,.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, with Pastor Charles Schmunk officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Bethel Cemetery at Cecil, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Nellie Worrell

FORT WAYNE — Nellie B. Worrell, 60, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at 6:05 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker, a 60-year resident of Fort Wayne and a member of the Tillman Road Church of God.

She was born Nov. 11, 1942, in Middlesboro, Ky., to John L. and Lulu Mae (Smith) Gray. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Eddie Worrell of Woodstock, Ga., Charles Hall of Scottsburg and Jack Fultz of Dallas; two daughters, Jani Suarez of Woodstock, Ga., and Hannah Johnson of Kokomo; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two brothers, John Gray of Avilla and Verlin Gray of Fort Wayne; three half-brothers, James Hood of Liberty Center, Finley Hood and William Hood, both of Fort Wayne; and three half-sisters, Dallie Snyder of New Haven, Mary Jane Romero of Ossian and Deborah Spillers of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor George Chatham will officiate. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Anita Bower

AUBURN — Anita A. Bower, 72, of Auburn, died at 7 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2003, at her residence.

Visitation and services are pending at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. Arrangement are being made through Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

James Butler

ANGOLA — James R. Butler, 78, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Butler was born on Dec. 25, 1924, in Ashley, the son of Monroe and Irene (DeLong) Butler. He married Joan Butler on Oct. 18, 1847, and she survives.

Mr. Butler was a World War II veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a salesman for Armour & Co. for 21 years and was vice president and general manager for Gay's Market for 16 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola; a member and past commander of the Orland American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Knights of Columbus; and a member of the Prairie Heights Community Schools board and was its president one year.

Also surviving are his mother, Irene, of LaGrange; two sons, Jeffery Butler of Richmond, and Douglas Butler of Walnut Creek, Calif.; two daughters, Kathy Vrana and Lisa Tracey, both of Angola; a brother, Richard Butler of Springfield, Ohio; a sister, Mary Strawser of Rome City; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; two grandsons, Collin Vrana and Benjie Butler; a brother, Ralph; and two sisters, Jean Sanders and Ruth Stroh.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the church.

Irene Bard-Burtch

AUBURN — Irene Mae Bard-Burtch, 85, died Thursday, May 22, 2003, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Bard-Burtch

She was a legal secretary for Winslow Van Horne for 25 years, retiring in 1980.

She was a longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and held The Order of the Rose.

She served as a volunteer for the Red Cross Bloodmobile, DeKalb Memorial Hospital and the Heimach Center. She was a member of the Garrett First Church of Christ.

She was born May 2, 1918, to Walter Jay and Vera (Crooks) Loutzenhiser.

She married Robert Bard on April 1, 1939. He died Dec. 7, 1992.

She married Raymond Burtch of Garrett on June 28, 1997. He died July 17, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Rosalind Bard of Hobart and Phillip and Carole Bard of Auburn; five grandchildren, Leigh Pearson and Laura Bard, both of Muncie, Randall Bard of Merrillville, Victoria Howard of Indianapolis and Christopher Bard of Valparaiso; four great-grandchildren; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Tom and Susie Burtch of Naples, Fla.; two stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Geraldine Stevenson of North Carolina, in 2002.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Garrett First Church of Christ. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Garrett First Church of Christ or the Heimach Center.

Paul 'Casey' Jones

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Paul E. "Casey" Jones, 85, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville, where he had been a resident since 1998.

Mr. Jones worked at Crook-Miller Co. in Hicksville and had retired from Par-tee Co. of Spencerville, Ind.

He was born June 21, 1917, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Charlie and Grace (Rothgib) Jones.

He married Doris Keller on Jan. 21, 1945. She died Jan. 18, 1990.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Becky Jones of Hicksville, and a sister, Mildred Hughes of Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Frank and Robert Jones.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

A memorial service will follow at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Ruth Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth G. Johnson, 92, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

She was a Kendallville resident for 42 years and an ordained minister since 1937. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness for 66 years.

She was born Aug. 29, 1910, in Selma, Ala., to Joseph and Marie (Paisley) Gill. She married James Wilbur Johnson, and he preceded her in death on June 6, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Marvin Olson of Goshen; and a grandson, Marvin Olson Jr. of Elkhart.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall in Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Anita Bower

AUBURN — Anita Abbott Bower, 72, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at her Auburn home.

She worked for Eli Lilly's international department as a Spanish interpreter before her marriage. She earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Indiana University, where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She had also belonged to Tri Kappa, the Ladies Literary Club, the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild, Greenhurst Country Club and Habanera.

She was born Oct. 19, 1930, in Martinsville, to Dr. Wayne D. and Juanita (Hall) Abbott. On Dec. 26, 1952, in Martinsville, she married John W. Bower, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John W. and Melenda R. Bower of Tallahassee, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca B. and Rober G. Kramer of Portage, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Caitlin, Robert Jr. Kelsey and John Kramer, Caroline and Bonnie Bower and Melissa Carter.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church

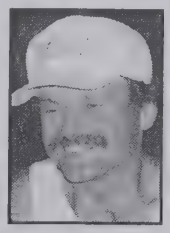
Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Michael Amstutz

SPENCERVILLE — Michael J. Amstutz, 53, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at his residence in Spencerville.

Mr. Amstutz was the owner of Amstutz Well Drilling, which he ran with his wife, daughter and son-in-law.

He graduated from Carroll High School in 1969 as valedictorian of his class. He was a charter member of Sons of the American Legion Post 409 in Leo. He was also a member of the Indiana Ground Water Association and the Leo-Cedarville Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. Amstutz

He was known for being kind and giving as a husband, father, son, brother and papa.

He was born March 12, 1950, in Fort Wayne.

He married Dara Denise Chapman on Nov. 6, 1971, at Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Bret Allen of Leo; three granddaughters, Alexa, Blair and Mica Allen of Leo; his mother, Patricia (Green) Radkoski of Punta Gorda, Fla.; his father and stepmother, Gerald and Joan Amstutz of Spencerville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Melissa Amstutz and Rick Hullinger of St. Joe and Mollie Amstutz of Huntertown; two stepbrothers, Steve Sauder of Leo and Gary Sauder of Fort Wayne and a stepsister, Jan Halter of Leo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St., Grabill. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

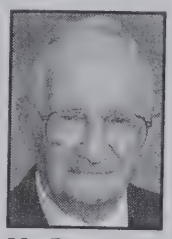
Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Parr

ANGOLA — Dale S. Parr, 87, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

A 1934 graduate of Salem Center High School, he was a farmer and worked at Cooper in Auburn for 15 years. He was a member of the Northeastern Masonic Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons No. 210 of Fremont and the Hudson United Methodist Church.



Mr. Parr

He was born June 23, 1915, in LaGrange County, to Shirley and Sylvia (Canon) Parr. On March 21, 1941, in Kendallville, he married Norma Virginia Lower, and she preceded him in death Feb. 3, 1994. A brother, Donald Parr, and a sister, Dorothy Coney, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Walter Krohn of Angola and Pat and Bob Dimmitt of Missouri City, Texas; three grandchildren, Kurt Krohn of Angola, Jennifer Dewey of Tulsa, Okla., and Jalyn Dimmitt of Missouri City, Texas; two great-grandsons, Maclain Krohn and Thomas Dewey; and two brothers, Gerald Parr of Hobart and Merritt Parr of Indian River, Mich.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig of Hudson United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Hudson United Methodist Church.

Hazel Haithcox

ELKHART — Hazel Louise Haithcox, 78, of Bristol, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Elkhart General Hospital.

She moved to Elkhart County in 1949 as an employee of Whitehall Laboratory, where she worked for 45 years before retiring in 1988 from her position as line leader.

Mrs. Haithcox

She was born July 19, 1925, in Knoxville, Tenn., to Ernest and Mary (York) Hicks. On May 25, 1954, in Chicago, she married Earl Haithcox, and he survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Carla L. Haithcox of Stockbridge, Ga.; a stepson, Carlton L. Haithcox of Smyrna, Ga.; three stepgrandchildren, Carlton L. Haithcox and Erin and Alexandria Williams; one stepgreat-grandson, Carlton Lemel Haithcox; a neice, Rhoda Weaver-Watson of Granger; a nephew, Allen Hood of Union, Mich.; a brother, Charles "Jack" Hicks; and many friends, including Army Houston and Dawn, Drew and Deeandra Vetch of Elkhart.

A sister, Pauline Brewer, preceded her in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren in Middlebury, with the Rev. Jack Carry officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Bristol.

James Butler

ANGOLA — James R. Butler, 78, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Butler was born on Dec. 25, 1924, in Ashley, the son of Monroe and Irene (DeLong) Butler. He married Joan F. Nowicki on Oct. 18, 1947, and she survives in Angola.

Mr. Butler

Mr. Butler was a World War II veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a salesman for Armour & Co. for 21 years and was vice president and general manager for Gay's Market for 16 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola; a member and past commander of the Orland American Legion; Disabled American Veterans; Knights of Columbus; and a member of the Prairie Heights Community Schools board eight years and was its president one year.

Also surviving are his mother, Irene, of LaGrange; two sons, Jeffery Butler of Richmond, and Douglas Butler of Walnut Creek, Calif.; two daughters, Kathy Vrana and Lisa Tracey, both of Angola; a brother, Richard Butler of Springfield, Ohio; a sister, Mary Strawser of Rome City; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; two grandsons, Collin Vrana and Benjie Butler; a brother, Ralph; and two sisters, Jean Sanders and Ruth Stroh.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Orland American Legion.

Memorials are to the church.

Donald Offord

AVILLA — Donald A. Offord, 72, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was a machine operator for over 30 years at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne, and also worked part time securing parts and running errands for Avilla Motor Works.

He grew up in Avilla and moved to Fort Wayne after serving the U.S. Army as a sergeant in the Korean Conflict. He moved back to Avilla in 1984.

He was past commander of American Legion Post No. 240 of Avilla in 1991 and 1995. He enjoyed bowling, Nascar, being outdoors and camping with his wife.

He was born Nov. 29, 1930, in Fort Wayne, to Basil and Faye Etta (Truelove) Offord. On May 24, 1956, at Hopewell, he married Emma Jean Huff, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 17, 1997. Two brothers, Ralph Offord and James Decker, and a sister, Dorothy Sloffer, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Jean Offord of Avilla; a son, Kenneth C. Offord of Columbia City; two granddaughters, Veronica M. Gabet of Fort Wayne and Nicole S. Gabet of Bluffton; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Ed Hindenlang of Avilla; and a brother, Ronald B. Offord of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post No. 240. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Floyd Graber

SHIPSHEWANA — Floyd V. Graber, 73, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he had been a patient since May 2.

He was a farmer, inventor and owner of several businesses, including Millers Spray Service from 1972-1987, Tri-State Scabbing from 1987-2001 and Graber's Grills.

Mr. Graber

He lived north of Sturgis, Mich., for 26 years before moving to Shipshewana in 1978. He was a member of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church in Middlebury.

He was born Aug. 29, 1929, in Middlebury, to Abe and Rena (Roth) Graber. On June 11, 1950 at Pleasant Grove Conservative Mennonite Church in Goshen, he married Edna Miller, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donneta and Leroy Yoder of Shipshewana and Jolene and Dwayne Borkholder of Bremen; two sons and daughters-in-law, Sheldon and Ellen Graber of Shipshewana and Wendell and Lila Graber of Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada; a son-in-law, Merlin Bontrager and his wife, Regina, of Middlebury; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Esther and Glenn Riegsecker of Middlebury and Ruby and Floyd Miller of White Pigeon, Mich.; and five brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Amanda Graber and Sam and Adeline Graber, all of Middlebury, Ezra and Erma Graber of Shipshewana, Joe and Clara Graber of White Pigeon, Mich., and Ervin and Beulah Graber of Constantine, Mich.

A daughter, Robin Bontrager, preceded him in death on May 4, 2000. A brother, Dan Graber, is also deceased.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Thad Lechlitner, the Rev. Troy Brubacher and the Rev. Harry Yoder, all of Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church, officiating.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen. Memorials are to the Robin Bontrager Memorial Scholarship.

Rodney Barth

LAKE PANASOFFKEE, Fla. — Rodney N. Barth, 80, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at Inverness, Fla.

A native of Fort Wayne, he had been a resident of Sumter County since 1988. He previously lived in Ruskin, Fla.

Mr. Barth worked as an assemblyman in the automotive industry. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Barth of Fort Wayne and Steven Barth of Auburn; one daughter, Deborah Steury of Auburn; two sisters, Patricia Fox of Fort Wayne and June Grider of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and a loving companion, "Patch."

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, Fla. Father Peter Sagorski will officiate, with military honors by Marine Corps League 708.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Purcell Funeral Home Chapel, 114 W. Noble Ave., Bushnell, Fla.

Memorials are to the Michael Barth Art Scholarship Fund.

Arliss Powers

KIRWIN, Kan. — Arliss A. Powers, 79, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, in Phillipsburg, Kan.

Mrs. Powers was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 6, 1923, in Bartley, Neb., to Joseph Ivan Capps and Lenora Violet (Stanton) Capps.

She married Robert Edward Powers in April 1963 in Denver. He died May 3, 1974.

Surviving are two sons, Terry Long of Ligonier and Dennis Long of Commerce City, Colo.; a daughter, Londa Harter of Kirwin, Kan.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Kirwin Cemetery.

Calling is today from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, Kan.

Memorials are to the Arliss Powers Memorial Fund.

Robert Cripe

BUTLER — Robert R. Cripe, 74, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, following an extended illness.

He had been taken to the hospital earlier in the day from the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Cripe was a former resident of Whitley County.

Funeral arrangements are being completed at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneral-home.com.

Roberta Haddix

HAMILTON — Roberta Ellen "Bobbie" Haddix, 62, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Haddix worked at Meijer in Angola and was a retail clerk for three years prior to becoming ill.

Mrs. Haddix

She was born April 17, 1941, in Roseville, Mich., to Walker Frederick and Ellen Rose (Hultman) Thornton. She married Larry J. Haddix on Aug. 3, 1991, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Veronica Ellen and Steve Hutchinson of Lakeland, Fla., Rita and Michael Tesauro of Naples, Fla., Janice Louise and Greg Chorpenning of Hamilton and Judy Lynn and Peter Dangler of Sarasota, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Eva Bennett of Angola; a sister, Priscilla Thornton of Angola; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday (Indiana time) at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. (Indiana times).

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Monday, May 26, 2003
NO PAPER TODAY

Jerry Tackett

SHIPSHEWANA — Jerry Neal Tackett, 66, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at 4 a.m. at his home after declining in health.

He had worked for Elcona Homes in Elkhart for 16 years and retired from Patriot Homes in Shipshewana after 15 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He moved to Indiana in 1961.

He was born Feb. 20, 1937, in Jenkins, Ky., to George and Myra Tackett.

He married Olivia "Ovie" Mullins on April 19, 1958, in Levon, Va. She died Oct. 21, 2001.

Surviving are six daughters and three sons-in-law, Laura and James Greensides of Bristol, Tina and Terry Knight of Goshen, Jerri Lynn and Bill Middleton of Butler, Olivia Tackett and Jessica Tackett, both of Bristol, and Ashley Tackett of Constantine, Mich.; five sons and one daughter-in-law, Randy Tackett of Constantine, Rick Tackett of Fontana, Calif., Jeff and Betsy Tackett and Justin Tackett, all of Shipshewana, and Ryan Tackett of Bristol; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Carlos "Cotton" and Imogene Tackett of Detroit and Randolph Tackett of Bristol.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Libby Joe Tackett; a son, Terry Tackett; three sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at River of Life Fellowship, Middlebury, with the Rev. Gordan Henke officiating. Burial will be at Bonneyville Cemetery, Bristol.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family.

Georgia Englehart

PAYNE, Ohio — Georgia Englehart, 79, died Sunday, May 24, 2003, at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Englehart attended the St. Jacob Church of Christ in Payne. She was formerly employed by the Bowser Corp. and Magnavox Corp., both of Fort Wayne, and Dana-Weatherhead in Antwerp, Ohio. She retired in 1993 as a chiropractic assistant for David R. Hughes in Paulding.

She was born March 30, 1924, in Paulding, Ohio, to George and Mabel (Parrish) Baughman.

She married Carl L. Englehart on June 30, 1941. He preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1970.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Paul Treece of Hamilton and Beverly and Norbert Bacon of Port Charlotte, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Carl "Duke" and Vicky Englehart of Edgerton, Ohio; a brother, Keith "Dewey" Baughman of Paulding; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Clara Howell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday (Indiana time) at DenHerder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. James Langham officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery in Payne.

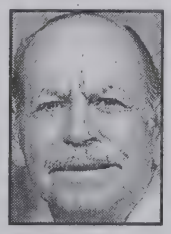
Calling is from Tuesday 2 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 7 a.m. until the time of the service (Indiana times).

Memorials are to Paulding County Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice or St. Jacob United Church of Christ in Payne.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Rodney Barth

INVERNESS, Fla. — Rodney N. Barth, 80, of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., died Friday, May 23, 2003, in Inverness, Fla.


Mr. Barth

Mr. Barth had been a resident of Sumter County, Fla., since 1988. He was a former resident of Kendallville and a longtime resident at Story Lake near Hudson.

He retired in 1978 from Dana Corp. at Fort Wayne, where he was an inspector with 31 years of service. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps.

He was born Feb. 21, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Chris and Beatrice (Miner) Barth.

Surviving are one daughter, Deborah Steury of Auburn; two sons, Robert N. Barth of Fountain City and Steven L. Barth of Auburn; two sisters, Patricia Fox of Fort Wayne and June Grider of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and his loving canine companion, Patch.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth (Ewen) Barth in June 1964; his second wife, Jean Van Camp in October 1998; one brother, Robert Barth of Churubusco; one sister, Jean Lewis of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter, Dawn Barth, on Feb. 24, 1998; and one son, Michael R. Barth of Auburn, on April 13, 2003.

Funeral services were today at 1:30 p.m. in the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, Fla., with Father Peter Sagorski officiating. Military honors were rendered by the Marine Corps League 708. Burial was in the Florida National Cemetery.

A memorial service is being planned for family and friends in this area at a later date.

Arrangements were by Purcell Funeral Home of Bushnell, Fla.

Memorials are to the Michael Barth Art Scholarship Fund, 508 Greenbriar Blvd., Auburn, IN 46706.

Harold Brandon

ASHLEY — Harold L. Brandon, 66, died at noon Monday, May 26, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Catherine Thomas

GARRETT — Catherine E. Thomas, 87, died Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at 2:05 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Thomas

Mrs. Thomas worked at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett, General Electric in Fort Wayne and Riley's Gun Store in Avilla, from which she retired.

She had resided in Avilla for the past four years after spending most of her life in Garrett. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born Feb. 15, 1916, in Auburn to Dennis and Eva (Masters) Farrington.

She married Hiram L. Thomas on Feb. 15, 1942, in Garrett. He died Oct. 9, 1982.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry W. and Deb Thomas of Garrett and Mike Thomas of Portland, Ore.; a grandson, Travis Thomas of Garrett; a great-grandson, Tristan Thomas of Garrett; two nephews, Gene Farrington of Garrett and Tom Farrington of Altadena, Calif.; two nieces, Margaret Farrington of Garrett and Laura Lea Johnston of Milford, Ohio; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Kermit Farrington Sr., Orville Farrington and William Farrington.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett. Lloyd Mealer and Tom Novy will officiate.

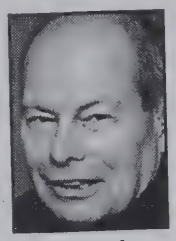
Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Harold Brandon

ASHLEY — Harold L. Brandon, 66, died Monday, May 26, 2003, at 11:57 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.


Mr. Brandon

Mr. Brandon worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 28 years, retiring in 1996. He attended Son Light Church in Angola. He was a member of the Orland post of the American Legion and a former member of the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born June 18, 1936, in Auburn to Melvin and Sophia (Draggoo) Brandon.

He married Sandra Shultz on May 10, 1958, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Timothy Brandon of Auburn; three daughters, Lorraine Fretz of Hudson, Marsha Curcio of Butler and Diana Brite of Decatur; one sister, Evelyn Casselman of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Katie Brandon, Adam Brite, Brody Fretz, and Frankie, Patrick and Ashleigh Curcio.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Elizabeth Brandon; two brothers, Robert and Richard Brandon; and one son-in-law, Dan Brite.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Dean Snyder will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from noon to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Louise Hewitt

FORT WAYNE — Louise L. Hewitt, 86, died Monday, May 26, 2003, at 6:20 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Hewitt worked as a purchasing agent in the purchasing department at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring on Feb. 1, 1978. She was a resident of Fort Wayne for 41 years.

She was born Feb. 24, 1917, in Putnam County, Ohio, to George E. and Ina E. (Clevidence) Bond.

She married Nolan C. Hewitt on July 2, 1935, in Auburn. He died June 14, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Bramel of Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard Bond of Fort Myers, Fla.; a sister, Iona Velpel of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Paul Bramel of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Deborah Hoelle of Chandler, Ariz.; four great-granddaughters, Dylan Elizabeth Bramel, Brie Bramel and Bridget Bramel, all of Fort Wayne, and Ashton Hoelle of Chandler, Ariz.; and a great-grandson, Austin Hoelle of Chandler, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Bond, and a sister, Lucille Lash.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Mike Harris will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Steven Pease

FORT WAYNE — Steven L. Pease, 43, died Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at his home.

He was a welder for P.M.I. and a native of Van Wert, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Rita Pease of New Haven; three brothers, William Pease of New Haven, Raymond Pease of Hudson and James Pease of Illinois; and his fiance, Denise King of Fort Wayne.

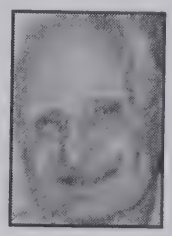
Preceding him in death were a brother, Mark; and his father, Dallas.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Cripe Sr.

AUBURN — Robert R. Cripe Sr., 74, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at 5 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He had been taken there earlier in the day from The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler, where he had been a patient for the past eight months.


Mr. Cripe

Mr. Cripe worked at Hardware Wholesalers for 10 years and retired in 1990 as a truck driver for Gassafy Wholesale Florist Inc. in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Whitley County on Oct. 30, 1928, to Earnie P. and Bertha (Zolman) Cripe.

As a young man he lived at Collins and later moved west of Columbia City. He spent all of his adult life in Whitley and DeKalb counties.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy and Darrell Crone of Angola and Sue Cripe of Lorton, Va.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Cripe Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mike and Lori Cripe of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Alfred Cripe and Delbert and Shirley Cripe, all of Columbia City; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Opal Johnston of Churubusco and Lucille and Donald Dodd of Constantine, Mich.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Charles, Earnie, Edgar and Eugene Cripe, and five sisters, Mildred Beatrice Brumbaugh, Marguerite Striegle, Dorothy Dodd, Elizabeth Boggs and Beverly Summers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Dick Hostetler of Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m. until the service.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneral-home.com.

Lisa Nash

NEW HAVEN — Lisa Herczog Engle Seiler Nash, 54, died Thursday, May 29, 2003, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nash

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

She was born March 21, 1949, in Auburn to Andrew and Sally Herczog. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Michael A. Nash; one daughter, Cara Kuntz of Fort Wayne; one son, Jeff Seiler of Leo-Cedarville; two sisters, Amber Fields of Indianapolis and Linn Swogger of Kendallville; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Church of the Good Shepherd at Leo-Cedarville. The Rev. Rick Zehr will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, The Kidney Foundation, the American Diabetes Association and the Church of the Good Shepherd.

John Kelley

ANGOLA — John W. Kelley, 59, died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at 7:50 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kelley had worked in sales for Custom Canopy in Angola for nine years. He had lived in Angola for 30 years.

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1962 and served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam as a first lieutenant. He was a member of the American Legion post in Garrett and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

He was born March 28, 1944, in Garrett to William F. and Mary J. (Guerriero) Kelley. The preceded him in death.

Surviving are two uncles, Harry Kelley of Angola and Harold Kelley of Youngstown, Ohio; three aunts, Isabelle Lung of Florida, Audrey Beaty of Angola and Linda Mann of Hamilton; and several cousins and friends.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School athletic department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

ne Dodds

ANGOLA — Aline M. rrell) Dodds, 87, died ay, May 30, 2003, at St. ph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Dodds formerly ked at Cameron Hospital Aro Corp. in Angola. he was a member of ola United Methodist rch and York Homemakers , and her hobbies included making.

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rvices will be Monday at n. at Beams Funeral in Fremont. The Rev. nce Smith will officiate. will be in Fremont tery.

lling is Sunday from 2-6 t the funeral home. morials are to the ican Heart Association, rtment 77 — 3968, go, IL 60678-3968.

Peter Kirchner

AUBURN — Peter A. Kirchner, 63, died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, in Presque Isle, Mich.

Mr. Kirchner proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict, where he was an attorney. He ended his service after 34 years as a colonel.

He then began serving his country as a liaison to the U.S. Military Academy.

He worked for Ford Motor Co. for more than 28 years before retiring.

Mr. Kirchner served as the planning commission chairman in Sumpter Township, Mich., for more than 15 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and boating on the Great Lakes.

Mr. Kirchner was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo and a 40-year member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge 614. His family was the most important thing in his life.

He was born Aug. 31, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Ruth Ann (Larimore) Kirchner.

He married Nancy E. Phillips in Cedar Lake Church of Christ on Aug. 19, 1961, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert P. and Katrenia Kirchner of Belleville, Mich., and Matthew J. and Brandy Kirchner of Ypsilanti, Mich.; three grandchildren, Nathan, Sean and Seth Kirchner; a sister, Marsha Kirchner of Irmo, S.C.; an uncle, Gordon Max Hower of Minnesota; a sister-in-law and spouse, Linda P. and Timothy Colbart of Auburn; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Simpson Duke will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling is from 9 a.m. to the time of services at the church.

Memorials are to Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, P.O. Box 971, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0971.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Roderick Bollett

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Roderick Jay Bollet, 48, died May 18, 2003, at his home in Gainesville.

He was a former resident of the Auburn area.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Ronald E. and Eva J. Bollett of Collierville, Tenn., and a brother, Lance A. Bollet, of Memphis, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dotty Jean Collins Bollet.

His remains will be scattered in his hometown of Marion.

This is obituary is being reprinted with changes to the spellings originally provided by the funeral home.

Lisa Nash

NEW HAVEN — Lisa Herczeg Engle Seiler Nash, 54, died Thursday, May 29, 2003, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nash

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

She was born March 21, 1949, in Auburn. Her parents, Andre Herczeg and Sally Thimler Herczeg Engle. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Michael A. Nash; one daughter, Cara Kuntz of Fort Wayne; one son, Jeff Seiler of Leo-Cedarville; two sisters, Amber Field of Indianapolis and Linn Swogger of Kendallville; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Church of the Good Shepherd at Leo-Cedarville. The Rev. Rick Zehr will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, The Kidney Foundation, the American Diabetes Association and the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Virginia Ward

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Virginia Ruth Ward, 60, died Thursday, May 29, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Ward was a homemaker. She graduated from Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Central High School at Ballston Spa, N.Y., with the class of 1961.

She was born Oct. 1, 1942, in Ballston Spa to Donald and Agnes (Stewart) Marks. They preceded her in death.

She married Fay "Doc" Ward on June 2, 1963, in Ballston Spa. He died March 28, 1999.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Patsy Ward of Mark Center and Donald and Sherri Ward of Wauseon, Ohio; one daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Tom Berry of Sherwood, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and one sister, Diane Perkins of New York.

She was preceded in death by two sons, William and Patrick; one daughter, Melanie; and one sister, Jean Marks Masters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Pastor Ray Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling is Sunday from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice — The Caring Way of Defiance, Ohio, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Sharon Scull

WATERLOO — Sharon E. Scull, 57, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1945, in Utica, N.Y.

She was a member and deacon of the First Christian Church, Auburn, and was a teacher for its women's Bible study group and secretary of the Christian Women's Fellowship Society.

She is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Darlene and the Rev. Robert Craig of Auburn and Lenore and John McAllister of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; two nephews, James McAllister of San Diego, Calif., and James Meyer of Valparaiso; a godchild, William Meyer of Pittsburgh, Pa.; four great-nieces, Jessica Meyer of Valparaiso, Camryn McAllister of San Diego and Morgan and Kera Meyer, both of Pittsburgh; five cousins; and aunts and uncles.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Jeana Myers

ANGOLA — Jeana L. Myers, 72, of Angola, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She owned and operated Jeana's Cakes & Crafts in Angola and was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and York Rite Ladies.

Mrs. Myers

She was born March 28, 1931, in Tellico Plains, Tenn., to Alfred and Birdie (Burnett) Saunders. Her mother survives in Wallen, Tenn.;

On Aug. 19, 1949, she married John Myers in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John III of Huntington and Donald of Angola; a daughter, Deborah Lynn Myers of Lampoc, Calif.; a brother, Steven Saunders of Wallen, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

A son, Anthony "Tony" Myers, a brother, Jerald Saunders, and her father preceded her in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Paul Metzger officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to Jean's Transplant Fund at First Federal Savings and Loan Bank, Angola.

Letitia Hart

LAGRANGE — Letitia Marie Hart, 74, of LaGrange, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at 6:40 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She lived in LaGrange County her entire life and worked as a telephone operator for United Telephone Systems.

She was born Dec. 6, 1928, in LaGrange County, to Charles H. and Opal (Hutchins) Collins.

On July 1, 1948, in Kendallville, she married Teddy C. Hart. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Ronnie Fraley of Fremont and Sally and Ken Neidemire of Angola; two sons, Bruce of Stroh and David of Terre Haute; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Herbert Hoffmeyer

AUBURN — Herbert K. Hoffmeyer, 79, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Hoffmeyer was a welder. He worked for McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville for 20 years and Crane Edmund Co. in Butler for six years, retiring in 1980. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born Feb. 27, 1924, in DeKalb County to Theodore and Georgia (Bonney) Hoffmeyer.

On March 15, 1947 in Waterloo, he married Barbara Diederich. She survives.

Also surviving are two brothers-in-law, Robert Raub of Huntertown and Carl Friend of Corunna; and several nieces and nephews, including a special friend and nephew, Steve Friend of Fort Wayne.

A sister, Doris Friend, preceded him in death.

Private family services will be Tuesday at Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna, with the Rev. William Smith officiating.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Violet Richards

LAGRANGE — Violet Willowdean Richards, 94, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at 1 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange after a brief illness.

She was a member of Lakeview Methodist Church for many years and had worked at Chase Bag Factory for a number of years.

She was born March 7, 1909, in Noble County to Thomas Joshua Archer and Elva Elizabeth (Gray) Archer.

On July 3, 1930, in Goshen, she married George E. Richards. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Calvin V. Richards of Mitchell; a brother, Roy Archer of Milford; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Ida Mae Love, died June 21, 2001, and two sisters, Ethel Mae Dunithan and Bernice Eash, and two brothers, Cecil and Stacy Archer, are also deceased.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Hartman Funeral Home in Goshen, with Dr. Steven A. Hite of Grace Bible Baptist Church in Syracuse officiating. Calling will be one hour before services.

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Margaret Burtch

AUBURN — Margaret D. Burtch, 86, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burtch was a homemaker and a member of Mount Zion Church at Golden Lake.

She was born Oct. 7, 1916, in Auburn to Boyd and Bessie Ringler.

She married Howard E. Burtch in Auburn in 1935. He died in 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Connie Burtch of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Donald Burdick of Butler and Linda and John Schienda of Bellefontaine, Ohio; one sister, Betty Tuttle of Garrett; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Ralph Ringler, and her parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Susan Beckett will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Beckberger

HELMER — Robert L. Beckberger, 72, died Saturday in Phoenix, Ariz. A private memorial service will be held Saturday.

Berniece Miller

AUBURN — Berniece H. Miller, 85, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at Wesley Health Care.

Mrs. Miller worked as a payroll clerk at Auburn Foundry and the Auburn Rubber Co. and also had worked at the Bon Ton Bakery. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Auburn and a past member of the Progressive Homemakers Club.

She was born Dec. 20, 1917, in Auburn, to Clare and Mabel (Johnson) Woolever.

On Aug. 31, 1940, she married Wayne J. Miller in Flint, Mich. He died Feb. 25, 1980.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Wilma Kruger, and her parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ruth Shirk

AVILLA — Ruth M. Shirk, 92, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, in Auburn at the home of her son.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Oliver Bungard

BUTLER — Oliver W. Bungard, 77, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at 9 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mr. Bungard was an electrician. He served in the U.S. Navy from Feb. 1, 1949, to Nov. 28, 1952. He then worked 20 years for Navy Military Sea Lift.

He was born April 19, 1926, in Butler to Oliver N. and Effie (Hodge) Bungard.

Surviving are two daughters, Teressa Goodman of Fort Branch and Pat Gordon of Auburn; a brother, James Bungard of Redding, Calif.; a sister, Bessie Spangler of Ellicott, Md.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Len and Willis, and one sister, Laura Thompkins.

There will be no service or calling. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Albert Schroeder

FORT WAYNE — Albert F. Schroeder, 93, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 36 years, retiring in 1977 as a supervisor. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, National Association of Letter Carriers, National Association of Supervisors and St. Francis Alumni Association.

He was born July 5, 1909, in Fort Wayne to Frederick W. and Margaret K. (Hirschmann) Schroeder.

Surviving are his wife, Dorthea M. Theel Schroeder of Fort Wayne; two sons, Thomas Schroeder of Avilla and David Schroeder of Bartlett, Ill.; a daughter, Elaine Elsner of Hudson; and four grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Joel Brondos officiating.

Burial will be at Old Concordia Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Keith Hanselman

ANGOLA — Keith Lewis Hanselman, 60, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hanselman graduated from Oak Park High School in Oak Park, Ill., in 1961. He attended Yankton College in Yankton, S.D., from 1961-65.

He was active in Angola community theater for several years, and was a member of the SPEBSQSA Barbershop Singers and the Sons of the American Revolution. He belonged to the Steuben County Farm Bureau and was a board member of the Steuben Lakes Regional District and the Indiana Society of Chicago.

He was an orchardist, and owned and operated the Gageview Orchard in Angola for the past 34 years. He was also a rural mail carrier in Angola from 1974 to 1983.

He was born May 28, 1943, in Garrett to Dr. Russell C. Hanselman and Helen Hines (Geisinger) Hanselman.

He married Barbara Ann Krary on May 26, 1968, in Minneapolis, and she survives.

Also surviving are an aunt and uncle, Tom and Marcella Hanselman of Angola; an aunt, Helen Swift of Angola; a cousin, James Swift of Fremont; two nieces, Ruth Ann Crum of Lexington, Ky., and Barbara J. Hanselman of Angola; and a nephew, Judge David Hanselman of Bluffton.

A private family graveside service will be held Thursday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with the Rev. Steve Altman officiating.

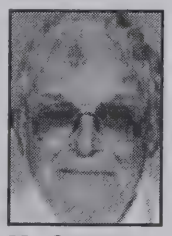
Calling is Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are the Steuben County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Michael Sweet

FORT WAYNE — Michael W. "Mike" Sweet, 64, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at his home.



Mr. Sweet

Mr. Sweet was born July 12, 1938, at Pleasant Lake. He was an Army National Guard veteran and a recipient of a Purple Heart.

He retired in 1998 from Prairie Farms Dairy after 18 years of service. He was a member of the Christ's Hope Ministries and Church of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Carol J. Sweet; three sons, Terry, Timothy and Steven Sweet, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Suzanne Straub of Harlan; a sister, Barbara Gordon of Auburn; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie and David Sweet.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Christ's Hope Ministries and Church building fund.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about the family.

Sharon Scull

WATERLOO — Sharon E. Scull, 57, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1945, in Utica, N.Y.

She was a member and deacon of the First Christian Church, Auburn, and was a teacher for its women's Bible study group and secretary of the Christian Women's Fellowship Society.

She is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lenore and John McAllister of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; Darlene and the Rev. Robert Craig of Auburn and three nephews, James McAllister of San Diego, Calif., James Meyer of Valparaiso and William Meyer of Pittsburgh, Pa., who is also a godchild; four great-nieces, Jessica Meyer of Valparaiso, Camryn McAllister of San Diego and Morgan and Kiera Meyer, both of Pittsburgh; five cousins and two aunts.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Pamela Gettys

AUBURN — Pamela S. Gettys, 42, died Monday, June 2, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Gettys was a homemaker. She was an avid participant in fishing and gardening and loved all outdoor activities.

She was born Aug. 2, 1960, in Auburn, to Robert and Phyllis (Cory) Freeman. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

On Aug. 1, 1992, she married Robert D. Gettys in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a brother, Paul Freeman of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. John W. Kinsey officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ruth Shirk

AVILLA — Ruth M. Shirk, 92, died at 1:26 p.m. Sunday, June 1, 2003, at her son's home in Auburn.

Mrs. Shirk had lived in Avilla since 1953. She and her husband opened Shirk's Fruit Market in 1953 and built Avilla Drag Strip and ran it until their retirement. She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren. She enjoyed playing cards.

She was born Sept. 18, 1910, in Swan Township of Noble County to George and Lou (Berkes) Keck.

She married Wayne Shirk on May 25, 1928. He died Oct. 26, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Richard Buchmeier of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Sue Shirk of Auburn; seven grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, five stepgreat-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were four brothers, Clarence, Ralph, Walter and Kenny Keck; and four sisters, Helen Keck, Bernice Gienger, her twin Esther Gienger and Bessie Keck; one grandchild, one stepgrandchild and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Brad Hardesty officiating. Burial will be at Embrey Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, one hour before services.

Mary Ann Rodgers

ORLAND — Mary Ann Rodgers, 78, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She retired as a social caseworker for the Steuben County Welfare Department.

She had also been a secretary in Chicago.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. She belonged to Orland American Legion Post 423 and was a past president of the auxiliary. She also was involved in Santa's Helpers, Orland Lions Club and as a Cub Scout den mother in Orland. She enjoyed playing bingo and euchre.

She was born July 1, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Grover William and Mary A. (Kettern) Lutz.

She married Harry (Gene) Rodgers on Feb. 24, 1945, in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 12, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Sain of Angola; a son, John Rodgers of Orland; a sister, Doris Wisniewski of Fort Wayne; a brother, Philip Lutz of Helmer; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Eva Gump

ALBION — Eva L. Gump, 42, died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after injuries from an automobile accident at Old S.R. 3 and new S.R. 3 in Avilla, May 24.

She was employed in the housekeeping department of Dexter Axle in Albion, and also did baby-sitting for several years. She was a member of Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville. She moved to the area from Cleveland 10 years ago.

She was born in Cleveland Dec. 14, 1960, to Ernest L. and Sylvia (Gump) Hoy.

Surviving are her mother, Sylvia Hoy, of Cleveland; two sons, Michael Alan Shanyfelt of Norfolk, Va., and Alan Eugene Shanyfelt of Albion; one sister, Clara Sexton of Oakridge, Tenn.; one brother, Dave Gump of Cleveland; four nieces; Michelle Hensley, Jennifer Lewis, Thersa Shanyfelt, and Brittany Shanyfelt; three nephews, Juston Hileman, Brian Shanyfelt, and Gary Ray Sexton; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Ronald Stratman officiating. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville.

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Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. John W. Kinsey officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Margaret Schmenk

AVILLA — Margaret "Marge" Annette Schmenk, 63, died at 2:18 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where she had been a patient since May 1.

She was former deputy clerk for Avilla.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Doyle Krohn

FORT WAYNE — Doyle J. Krohn, 85, died June 1, 2003, at Regency Place.

A native of Payne, Ohio, he was a former Allen County farmer. He retired from farming in Athens, Mich., in 1990. He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by a daughter, Betty Bender of Auburn; a sister, Pat Moss of Las Vegas, Nev.; three brothers, Herman of Woodburn, Henry of Hamilton and Walter of Angola; a grandson and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary, who died in 1960, his second wife, Esther, who died in 1996, two sisters and two brothers.

A memorial service will take place Friday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation or the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Arrangements are by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Kelham Conkle

GARRETT — Kelham Conkle, 86, died at 6:41 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born Dec. 13, 1916, in DeKalb County, to Frank and Goldie (Kelham) Conkle. He married Frances J. Jennings Feb. 13, 1938, in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Conkle was a farmer all his life and a salesman for American Welding Products for 15 years. He was a member of the American Welding Society and attended Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Donna Conkle, West Carrollton, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Thomas Gibson of Menomonee Falls, Wis., Carol and James Lindsey of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Linda and Michael Chavez, San Antonio, Texas; 9 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Vance Conkle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, Pastor Kathleen Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Altarstar United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Richard Wise

FORT WAYNE — Richard G. Wise, 76, died at 12 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He was born Dec. 24, 1926, in Garrett, to Lester F. and Cuba (High) Wise. He lived in Garrett before moving to Fort Wayne 20 years ago. He retired in 1989 as a conductor on the B&O Railroad after 42 years.

Mr. Wise was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge, Garrett Elks, Garrett Eagles, the VFW, Fort Wayne Legion Post 47 and the Columbia City Moose, and he attended the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Jamie Stout of Fort Wayne and Leslie Nelson of Temperance, Mich.; three grandsons, Andy Stout, Scott Nelson and Geoff Nelson; a granddaughter, Natalie Stout; and three sisters, Florine Wise of Los Angeles, Lucy Brennan of Garrett, and Betty Heppe of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Orville Wise.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, the Rev. Don Shankster officiating, followed by cremation. Calling is from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Randall Carpenter

LIBERTY CENTER, Ohio — Randall M. Carpenter, 88, died Wednesday afternoon, June 4, 2003, at the Fulton Manor Nursing Home, Wauseon, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 1, 1914, at Liberty Center to Roy and Gertie (Meyer) Carpenter. He married Josephine Carpenter, June 3, 1936, and she died Jan. 23, 2003.

Mr. Carpenter was a tool cutter and farmer, retiring in 1977 from Dana Corp., where he had worked 25 years. He had been a school bus driver and worked on the construction of the Ohio Turnpike.

He was a member of the Victory Chapel United Brethren Church where he served as Sunday school superintendent for 50 years.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Larry Gerhart of Auburn, Joan and Terry Davis of Liberty Center, and Joyce and Bill Pacak of Delta, Ohio, Janet and Chuck Hill of Liberty Center, and Judy and Dennis Loar of Wauseon; five sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Mary Lou Carpenter of Liberty Center, Richard and Roberta Carpenter of Titusville, Fla., Ronald and Carol Carpenter of Perrysville, Ohio, Roger and Corene Carpenter of Liberty Center, and Ray and Carol Carpenter, Liberty Center; one brother, Elmer Carpenter; one sister, Cecelia Kern; 29 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Lowell Carpenter; and a sister, Donna Haley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Victory Chapel United Brethren Church, Liberty Center, the Rev. Steve Clymer and the Rev. Chuck Whitmire officiating. Burial will be in Young's Cemetery, Liberty Center.

Calling is at the Wright Funeral Home, Liberty Center, from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are to the Victory Chapel building fund.

The Evening Star, Saturday, June 7, 2003

Kenneth F. Myers

CORUNNA — Kenneth F. Myers, 92, died Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare, Kendallville.

He worked at Warner/Auburn Gear for more than 30 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

He was born March 7, 1911, in St. Johns, Ind., to Elmer and Emma (Reed) Myers.

He married Irene Friend on June 23, 1940, in Auburn and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Margey and Richard Norris of Auburn and Marilyn Myers of Corunna; two step-grandchildren, Gregg Norris of Fort Wayne and Jeff Norris of Carmel; and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Private family services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

The Evening Star, Sunday, June 8, 2003

Douglas Inks

ISLANDIA, New York — Douglas G. Inks, 52, died June 2, 2003, in New York.

He was a maintenance worker at Hilton Hall Apartments and a veteran of Vietnam, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was born Nov. 8, 1950, to Robert and Beverly (Hunter) Inks.

Surviving are three brothers, Robert, Dennis and Ronald Inks; a niece, Stephanie; and a good good friend, Maryanne. Preceding him in death were his parents.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main Street, Ligonier, the Rev. Jim Barnes of Cosperville Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements in New York were by Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Homes.

Ruth Boman

WATERLOO — Ruth H. Boman, 94, died at 6:50 a.m. Sunday, June 8, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a bookkeeper for Boman and Albright Inc., Waterloo, retiring in 1963. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, a life member of the Eastern Star and Pythesis Sisters, and a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild. She was very active as a volunteer at the hospital and sewed.

She was born July 22, 1908, in Edgerton, Ohio, to William A. and Bessie B. (Yoder) Frager. She married Clide Boman Jan. 1, 1927, in Wauseon, Ohio. He died Oct. 5, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Marcella Boman, Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vereda and B.L. Albright and Nancy and George Delong, Waterloo; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her husband and parents were a brother, Willard Frager, and three sisters, Nora Hopkins, Iris Schooley and Dorothy Siebenalour.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Harold Cromwell

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Harold D. "Hud" Cromwell, 82, died Saturday, June 7, 2002, at his home.

He owned and operated Cromwell's Food Market in Hicksville and worked at the Hicksville Post Office until his retirement. He graduated from Hicksville High School class of 1938 and served in the U.S. Army, 10th Mountain Division, 85th Infantry, and was wounded in a battle at the Po River in Italy. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Mr. Cromwell was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville.

He was born Sept. 6, 1920, in Bryan, Ohio, to James and Dessie (Evans) Cromwell. He married Vivian E. (Killian) Cromwell.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dr. James L. and Sarah Cromwell of Springfield, Ohio, Dr. Thomas R. and Linda Cromwell of West Unity, Ohio, and Todd S. Cromwell of Columbus, Ohio; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a sister, JoAnne Wise, Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor John Naugle of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio, with graveside military services.

Calling is from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Ohio time) at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the service. Memorials are to Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, or the First Presbyterian Church.

Rodney Barth

AUBURN — The family of Rodney N. Barth, 80, who died May 25, 2003, at Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., has planned a memorial service for Tuesday.

Mr. Barth was a former resident of Avilla and Story Lake near Hudson.

The service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Veterans' Memorial Chapel of the Fort Wayne Veterans Hospital, 2121 Lake Avenue.

He was born Feb. 21, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Chris and Beatrice (Miner) Barth.

Surviving are one daughter, Deborah Steury of Auburn; two sons, Robert N. Barth of Fountain City and Steven L. Barth of Auburn; two sisters, Patricia Fox of Fort Wayne and June Grider of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and his loving canine companion, Patch.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth (Ewen) Barth in June 1964; his second wife, Jean Van Camp in October 1998; one brother, Robert Barth of Churubusco; one sister, Jean Lewis of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter, Dawn Barth, on Feb. 24, 1998; and one son, Michael R. Barth of Auburn, on April 13, 2003.

Funeral services were May 27 in the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, Fla.

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Sharon Penner

NORTH MANCHESTER — Funeral services were held today for Sharon J. Penner, 46, a former assistant girls basketball coach at DeKalb High School.

As Sharon Wettschurack, Penner worked with Gary Dobb in the early 1980s, and coached the girls reserve team, according to information from the high school.

Mrs. Penner was killed Friday when she was trampled by three cows she was attempting to load into a farm trailer. She was found fatally injured by her husband, Vern.

She was a graduate of Indiana State University where she played basketball. She was a coach of fifth and sixth grade girls basketball and volleyball at Sharp Creek Elementary School, eighth grade girls basketball and assisted the girls varsity tennis coach at Northfield High School.

She was born March 11, 1957, in Lafayette to Ralph and Betty (Ginther) Wettschurack. She married Vern Penner July 18, 1981, in Otterbein.

Surviving with her parents and husband are three daughters, Trisha Kay, Amy Lynn and Christy Marie; a son, Tim John; and two brothers, David Wettshurack of Fowler and Larry Wettschurack of Warsaw.

Services were at 10 a.m. today in North Manchester. A memorial guest book may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jonathan Stoltzfus

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jonathan Mark Stoltzfus, 30, died Sunday, June 8, 2003, in a traffic accident near Hicksville.

He was self-employed as Stoltzfus Trim Specialties and previously worked in wheat harvesting for Neufeld Industries. He was a 1991 graduate of Hicksville High School and was a member of the Hicksville Mennonite Church and Bushido Karate of Auburn.

Mr. Stoltzfus was born Feb. 5, 1973, in Hickory, N.C., to Jonathan and Miriam (King) Stoltzfus.

Surviving are his parents; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Jim Stoltzfus of Harlan, Gary and Sherry Stoltzfus of Hickory, N.C., and Jeremy Stoltzfus of Hicksville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cindy and James Fyffe of West Liberty, Ky., and Beth Delagrange of Harlan; a grandfather, Gideon K. Stoltzfus, Lancaster, Pa.; and nine nieces and three grandnephews.

Preceding him in death were grandparents John and Elizabeth Ennis and Miriam Stoltzfus.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sunrise Chapel, 12732 Spencerville Road, Harlan, with Pastor Dean Stoll officiating. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Sunrise Chapel, and one hour before the service.

Arrangements are by the Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville.

Jack Scowden

KENDALLVILLE — Jack L. Scowden, 69, died Sunday, June 8, 2003, at home.

He was a pastor at several area churches and was currently the assistant pastor at the True Church of God in Jesus' Name in Lisbon.

Mr. Scowden

Mr. Scowden was a shoe cobbler for 11 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served as a helicopter and airplane mechanic. Following his military service, he became a machinist and rebuilt automobile engines. He worked for many years at Kendallville Auto Parts.

He was born Jan. 10, 1934, to Earl and Fannie (Hardesty) Scowden in Essex, Mo.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jackie Warnick of Columbia City and Sharon and Craig Bickel of Washington, Mich.; a sister, Opal Robb of Chicago; and three grandchildren, Caleb, Noel and Jacob Bickel, all of Washington, Mich.

Preceding him in death were 10 brothers and sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at True Church of God in Jesus' Name in Lisbon, with the Revs. Worley Gibson and Abe Prater officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be today after 2 p.m., with a praise service at 6 p.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Farrield Bastian

AUBURN — Farrield E. Bastian, 88, died Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare.

She was a housewife and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Bastian was born Jan. 29, 1915, in Allen County. She married Otto Bastian, who died Oct. 8, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Teixeira, Auburn; a son, Robert Bastian, Fort Wayne; and several cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, and a brother, Edward Hay.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are to the family.

Doris Morhart

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Doris G. Morhart, 84, died at 11:35 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She had been employed at Ohio Art, Crook Miller, Yellowstone Restaurant and Sherwood Restaurant. She was a member of the Antwerp Baptist Church and Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born June 8, 1919, in Defiance County, Mark Township, the daughter of Henry and Clara (Fleischer) Polk. She married Donald W. Morhart June 3, 1935, and he died Sept. 15, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Snyder, Auburn, and Louise Grant, Southfallsburg, N.Y.; two sons, Jack Morhart, Fort Wayne, and Jerry Morhart, Oakwood, Ohio; and 15 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her husband and parents were two sisters, Hazel Beltz and Bernice Lenz; a brother, John Polk; and one grandchild.

Private services were today at Bethel Cemetery, Cecil, Ohio, the Rev. Lathan Snyder officiating. There was no calling.

Memorials are to the Hicksville Unit of the Crippled Children and Adult Society.

Arrangements were by Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Nellie Pequignot

FORT WAYNE — Nellie M. Rice Pequignot, 90, died Monday, June 9, 2003, at home.

She was a homemaker, former member of Elex Club of G.E., and a telegraher at G.E. for two years.

She was born in Sheldon.

Surviving are two sons, Richard P. Pequignot of Fort Wayne and James A. Pequignot of Clearwater, Fla.; two daughters, Judith Martony of New Haven and Joyce Boyce of Indianapolis; four brothers, Roscoe F. Rice of Hudson, Robert P. Rice of North Fort Myers, Fla.; Joseph O. Rice of Fort Wayne and Harold A. Rice of Adams Lake; 20 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Arthur F., who died in 1988; a sister, Esther Woolard; and brothers, John and Otto Rice.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., with vigil at 8:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Allen County Cancer Society, St. Patrick Catholic Church, or to Masses.

Ralph Hasselman

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph H. Hasselman, 82, died Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at home.

He was a retired farmer. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and past member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he had served as Sunday school superintendent, elder and trustee.

He was born in Kendallville April 15, 1921, to Henry and Helena (Pankop) Hasselman.

He married Genevieve Parr Aug. 29, 1954, in Corunna. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Sue and Phillip Stephan of Fort Wayne, Sally Fitch of Fort Wayne, Carol and Tom Stoneburner of Kendallville, Janet and Kent Hunter of Corunna, Joan and Randy Ackerman of Kendallville and Debra and Dennis Bruce of Huntertown; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Lucille and Harold Hecht of Kendallville.

Preceding him in death were four brothers, William, Arthur, Carl and Howard Hasselman, and three sisters, Anna Lehman, Flora Gehring and Henrietta Pankop.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home and one hour before services Friday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or St. John Lutheran School.

Condolences may be e-mailed at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

The Evening Star, Thursday, June 12, 2003

This obituary is being republished to include information on a memorial service.

Mary Rodgers

ORLAND — Mary Ann Rodgers, 78, died June 1, 2003, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Rodgers was a retired social case worker for the Steuben County Welfare Department. Her husband, Harry (Gene) Rodgers, preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 2000.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Orland American Legion Post 423.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Walter Eckels

KOKOMO — Walter C. Eckels, 92, formerly of Kendallville and rural LaOtto, and more recently of Kokomo, died at 10:43 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Windsor Estates Health & Rehabilitation Center in Kokomo. He had been a patient there since March 29.

As a young man he worked as a custodian at Wayne Center School near Kendallville for eight years, and began work at General Electric in Fort Wayne in 1942. He worked at Standyne Distribution Center in Garrett for over eight years, retiring from there in 1975. He lived east of Ege in Noble County where he farmed and drove school buses for 12 years. He had been a self-employed retail florist for ove 25 years.

He moved to Arkansas after his wife died, returning to Kendallville in 1991. He had attended Nazarene churches in Kendallville and Garrett and was currently attending the Bon Air Church of the Nazarene in Kokomo.

He was born in Jefferson Township, Noble County Nov. 14, 1910, to Cloise and Edna Rose Eckels.

He married Mary Evelyn Cuney July 22, 1944. She died March 12, 1974.

Surviving are his daughter, Carolyn Eckels of Greentown; a sister, Lillian Fox of Horseshoe Bend, Ark.; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were a sister, Vera Melvin; a niece; and two nephews.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Additional services will be today at 7 p.m. at Bon Air Church of the Nazarene, 2419 N. Locke St., Kokomo, with calling two hours before services.

Local calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Bon Air Church of the Nazarene or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed at sympathy@sheetsfuneral home.com.

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Donna Aschliman

AUBURN — Donna Jean Aschliman, 61, died Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at her home.

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born Sept. 11, 1941, in Auburn to William and Nellie Aschliman. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are three brothers, John W. Aschliman of Auburn, Donald D. Aschliman of Lafayette, and Edward L. Aschliman of North Carolina; and an aunt, Marie Blevins of Auburn.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn,with burial in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Earl Miller

MISSION, Texas — Earl Albert Miller, 78, died Saturday, June 7, 2003, at McAllen Medical Center in McAllen, Texas.

Mr. Miller worked in quality control for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 27 years. He was a World War II Navy veteran, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals.

He was born in Butler on Nov. 3, 1924, to Donald E. and Edna M. (Countryman) Miller.

He lived in Garrett until 1989, before moving to Mission, Texas.

He married Sally Fetter on Sept. 16, 1945, in Garrett. She survives in Mission.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tonya and James Reinoehl and Ramona and Mark Michael, all of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, Vincent and Carol Miller of Tippecanoe; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Alice Lautzenhiser.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Comfort House, 617 Dallas St., McAllen, TX 78501.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Beverly Nichols

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly R. Nichols, 86, died Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at 5 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nichols was a lifetime resident of the area. She was a homemaker and worked at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville from 1985 to 1996. She was a charter member of Farmerettes Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Aug. 19, 1916, in Noble County to B. Harry and Glendis (Forker) Smith.

She married Elvert Harold Nichols on Dec. 13, 1934, in Albion. He died Jan. 25, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbra and Alfred Ordway of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Becky Nichols of Kendallville; three grandchildren and one spouse, Cindy Ordway, Dennis Ordway and Jon and Crystal Nichols; two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Kordell Nichols; and three sisters, Glyndon Wright of Kendallville, Joan Bryant of Wolcottville and Carole Halferty of South Milford.

Preceding her in death were three brothers, Lauren, Harold and Gale Smith; and two sisters, Thelma Svoboda and Arlene Longyear.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday one hour before services.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship in Auburn or to a charity of the donor's choice.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about surviving relatives.

Farrield Bastian

AUBURN — Farrield E. Bastian, 88, died Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Bastian was a housewife and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 29, 1915, in Allen County.

Her husband, Otto Bastian, preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Teixeira of Auburn; a son Robert Bastian of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Andy Teixeira of Auburn; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Edward Hay.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are being handled by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

Evelyn Freeman

AVILLA — Evelyn T. Freeman, 82, died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 2:50 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Freeman

Mrs. Freeman was founder and co-owner, with her husband, William, of the St. James Restaurant. She retired in 1980. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Rosary Sodality.

She was born April 21, 1921, in Avilla to William G. and Gertrude (Snyder) Meyer.

She married William S. Freeman on Sept. 25, 1940, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died Feb. 16, 1992.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Jack Allison of Columbus, Ind.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, William and Chris Freeman and Thomas Freeman, all of Avilla, and Robert and Beth Freeman of Albion; 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; three sisters, Agnes Tilbury of Fort Wayne, and Bernadette Teders and Sister Marie Meyer of Avilla; and three brothers, Bernard, Francis and Edward Meyer, all of Avilla.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Carol Wright; a son, Charles Freeman; four sisters, Wilma Schmenk, Mildred Fischer and Mary and Florence Meyer; and two brothers, Robert and Herman Meyer.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with rosary service at 7:30 p.m., at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to masses at St. Mary's or to the St. Mary School building fund.

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Thomas Rudolph

WATERLOO — Thomas Allen Rudolph, 23, died Thursday, June 12, 2003.

Mr. Rudolph was a student at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and worked at Custom Coating in Auburn. He was a 1997 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was a member of Lamda Chi Fraternity, the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the National Honor Society.

He was born July 7, 1979, in Auburn, to Richard and Cheryl (Baker) Rudolph. They survive in Waterloo.

Mr. Rudolph

Also surviving are his grandparents, Forrest and Joann Rudolph of Waterloo and Roma Baker of Waterloo; a brother and sister-in-law, Bradley Michael Rudolph and Dawn Jennifer Rudolph of Shelburn, Ind.; a sister, Jessica Ann Rudolph of Waterloo; a niece, Michaela Rudolph; a nephew, Cameron Rudolph, and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Edward Eugene Baker.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Sunday 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kaleb Kelham Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Herbert Arnold

BUTLER — Herbert William Arnold, 80, died Friday, June 13, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mr. Arnold was employed as an Allied truck driver for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

He was born April 8, 1923, in Chicago to Herbert W. Arnold and Ruth Holmes.

His wife, Lois (Guthrie) Arnold, died March 4, 1988.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Alta Arnold of Angola, Kenneth and Valarie Arnold of Fort Wayne and Dennis and Kathy Arnold of Auburn; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Michele Kirch of Tucson, Ariz., Karen and Steve Brown of Waterloo, Beverly and Delbert McDowell of Akron, Ohio, and Cherrie Nelson of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Marina Marble of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a brother, Dick Arnold of Chicago; a sister, Patricia Hutchenson of Arizona; 28 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ken Jansky, and two sisters, Dorothy and Shirley O'Lone.

A memorial service will take place Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John P. Dimarzio officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ruth Musser

AUBURN — Ruth D. (Barnhart) Musser, 91, died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at The Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Joseph Sliger

GARRETT — Joseph D. Sliger, 76, died Friday, June 13, 2003, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sliger was a farmer and worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 25 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn.

He was born July 29, 1926, in Garrett to Rabie D. and Dora M. (Eldrich) Sliger.

He married Echo L. (Shanahan) Sliger on Sept. 5, 1947. She died Dec. 14, 1999.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Sliger of Garrett and John and Teckla Sliger, also of Garrett; one daughter, Ruth Aschleman of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John Sliger; and one grandchild.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Monday in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Donald Shankster will officiate. A private family burial service will take place in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Heifer Project International.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

James Reed

CORUNNA — James LeRoy Reed, 58, died Friday, June 13, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Reed worked as a truck driver for Group Dekko in Kendallville. He was born July 17, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

He married Janice Henderson on Aug. 22, 1964, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, James Reed of Corunna; a sister and brother-in-law, Diana and Van McConnell of Swedesboro, N.J.; a sister-in-law, Karen Wieman of Angola; two nephews, Christopher McConnell and Joel Wieman; a niece, Vanessa Adams; three stepsisters, Joan McVoy of Fort Wayne, Diane Peterson of Fort Wayne and Linda DeBennatio of Florida; and two grandchildren, Roberta Reed and Skyler Reed.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Helen (Keller) and Otto Freeman, and a son, Patrick Casey Reed.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Council on Aging van fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net

Sharon Honaker

LaGRANGE — Sharon Kaye Honaker, 61, of LaGrange, died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at the LaGrange Community Hospital.

A lifelong resident of the LaGrange and Wolcottville area, she was a registered nurse at the LaGrange Hospital for 41 years.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, Sylvan Chapter 251 OES of LaGrange, past president of Case Management Association, former member of Noble County literary board and former board member of LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce.

She was born Sept. 26, 1941, in Wolcottville to Kenneth and Naomi "Peggy" (Elsner) Hulett. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Monica Elick of LaGrange, and Marc and Trisha Lalancette of Wolcottville; five stepchildren, Randy and Ronnie Staggs of Calif., Roger Staggs of Fla. and Becky Miley and Renee Kaierling of Calif.; three grandchildren, Charles Paul Miramonti III, Brianna Kaye Miramonti and Robert Jules Lalancette; and one sister, Shirley Harp of Wolcottville.

A former husband, Robert Honaker, preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 2000. Richard "Dick" Hulett, her brother, also preceded her in death.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Services are Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Steve Ailes and the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating.

Burial will be at the Woodland Cemetery.

Memorials to LaGrange Community Hospital Employee Crisis Fund.

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Mary Franks

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Lou Franks, 75, died Saturday, June 14, 2003, at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Kendallville and attended South Side High School in Fort Wayne. She sang on WOWO radio for nine years from 1931-1941 as Ambrose Haley and Little Mary Lou, where Bob Sievers was the announcer. She was going to Hollywood to audition for a Shirley Temple part, but was short of funds to make the trip.

Mrs. Franks

She was born on Oct. 26, 1927, in Little Rock, Ark., to Ambrose and Vallie (Birge) Haley.

She first married John Robert Gaines in 1948. She then married Marion Franks on Oct. 2, 1971, in Wawaka. They both survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven Gaines of Indianapolis, and Mark and Judy Gaines of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Greg and Devona Franks of Albion; a stepdaughter and her husband, Vicki and Timothy Clouse of Winter Haven, Fla.; two grandsons, Michael Gains and Damon Gaines — both of Indianapolis; a step grandson, Brian Clouse of Orlando, Fla.; a step granddaughter, Michelle Hoveland of Kanawa, Iowa; a step great-granddaughter, Mya Hoveland of Kanawa, Iowa; and two sisters, Dorothy Leffers of Delphos, Ohio, and Norma Grabner of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be held Monday from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating.

Burial will be at the Cosperville Cemetery in Wawaka following services.

Memorials are to The American Lung Association or the Arthritis foundation.

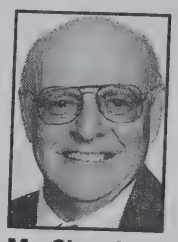
Condolences at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Paul Church

FREMONT — Paul Delson Church, 75, of Fremont, died Friday, June 13, 2003, at home.

Mr. Church retired in 1982 after 33 years at Dana Weatherhead in Angola. He also retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1989 after 20 years of service.

He was an active member of the Fairview Missionary Church. He served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War.



Mr. Church

He enjoyed his family, farming and music.

He was born Sept. 21, 1927, to Benjamin Franklin and Eva Fern (Michael) Church in Montgomery, Mich. They preceded him in death.

He married Mavis (Schaeffer) Church on May 26, 1953, in Fremont. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Merrilee and James Runyon of Wheaton, Ill., Kathlene and Tim Groosbeck of Angola; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Stanley and Cathy Church of Zionsville, Stephen and JoDeane Church of Angola, Kurt and Debra Church of Andrews, Maurice and Cynthia Church of Pleasant Lake, and Mark Church of Fremont; 17 grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ruby and Carl Beckman of Grand Rapids, Mich., Opal Adams of Montgomery, Mich., and Pearl and Larry Miner of Montgomery, Mich.; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dean and Becky Church of Detroit, Ralph and Evelyn Church and Glen Church — all of Coldwater, Mich.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Jacob Church.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and two hours prior to the service.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Norman Fuller, the Rev. Donald Rashley and Pastor Jay Nickless officiating.

Burial will be in the Mundy Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to Youth for Christ of Northeast Indiana and Branch County Michigan.

Ruth Musser

AUBURN — Ruth D. (Barnhart) Musser, 91, died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at The Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in DeKalb County, she was a homemaker and a 1930 graduate of McIntosh High School in Auburn.

She was a member of the Entre Nous Club and was pianist and organist at the First Church of God and Indian Village Church of God for 65 years. She worked as a switchboard operator at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1975, and was a lifetime member of Indian Village Church of God.

Mrs. Musser

She is survived by two sons, Kent A. Musser of Fort Wayne and William N. Musser of Michigan; a daughter, Sandra S. Bendezv of Angola; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph J. Musser, her parents; a daughter, Beth Musser, who died in 2001; three brothers, Keith E., David A. and Leon L. Barnhart; and two sisters, Grace Pommert and Doris See.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Erie Pass and Superior Drive, Auburn, with calling from 10-11 a.m.

Additional calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God or the Heart Fund.

Herman DeLucenay

ASHLEY — Herman J. DeLucenay, 82, died Sunday, June 15, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. DeLucenay owned and operated the DeLucenay Brothers Sanitation Service for 18 years, retiring in 1982. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, the Knights of Columbus and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 24, 1920, in Ashley to Eugene N. and Margaret C. (Miller) DeLucenay.

He married Wanda R. Lybarger on Aug. 16, 1947, in Dickson, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul David DeLucenay of Tullahoma, Tenn., and John Adam DeLucenay of Ashley; two daughters, Christian Ann Freeman of Avilla and Valerie Lynn Lankenau of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Harold of Spokane, Wash., Earl of Ashley, Edward of New Haven and Eugene of Pleasant Lake; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Gregory Lee DeLucenay; one brother, Richard; and one sister, Helen Goebel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Masses or a charity of the donor's choice.

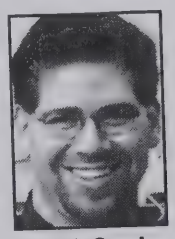
Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jonathan McCord

WOODBURN — Jonathan David McCord, 23, died Saturday, June 14, 2003, at U.S. 24 and S.R. 101.

Mr. McCord had served as art director and webmaster for Encore Music in Woodburn for more than a year.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1998 and attended the University of Saint Francis for two years. He was a member of Vineyard Church in Fort Wayne and Youth for Christ in Auburn.



Mr. McCord

He was born Nov. 30, 1979, in Fort Wayne to Geoffrey and Janice McCord. They survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are three brothers and a sister-in-law, Geoffrey A. and Abby McCord of Avilla, James M. McCord of Fort Wayne and Jason A. McCord of Norristown, Pa.; a sister, Jennifer E. Smithers of Norristown, Pa.; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gardiner of Hudson, Mich.; and his paternal grandfather, Kyle W. McCord of Norristown, Pa.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Calvary Chapel on Old Maysville Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Chapel, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Jonathan David McCord Memorial Fund in care of the Vineyard Church, Fort Wayne.

Margaret Stroh

AUBURN — Margaret C. Stroh, 86, died Sunday, June 15, 2003.

Mrs. Stroh was a homemaker. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1934 and belonged to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 30, 1916, in Noble County to Bert and Bertha (Weingart) Trovinger.

She married Irvin Stroh on May 23, 1934. He died Aug. 10, 1992.

Surviving is a son, Hugh G. Stroh of Auburn.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Trovinger.

Services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett. The Rev. Richard Kraus will officiate.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being republished with new information about surviving family members.

Ruth Musser

AUBURN — Ruth D. (Barnhart) Musser, 91, died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at The Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Musser

Born in DeKalb County, she was a homemaker and a 1930 graduate of McIntosh High School in Auburn.

She was a member of the Entre Nous Club and was pianist and organist at the First Church of God and Indian Village Church of God for 65 years. She worked as a switchboard operator at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1975, and was a lifetime member of Indian Village Church of God.

She is survived by two sons, Kent H. Musser of Fort Wayne and William N. Musser of Michigan; a daughter, Sandra S. Bendezu of Angola; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph J. Musser, her parents; a daughter, Beth Musser, who died in 2001; three brothers, Keith E., David A. and Leon L. Barnhart; and two sisters, Grace Pommert and Doris See.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Erie Pass and Superior Drive, Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn was in charge of arrangements.

Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God or the Heart Fund.

Violet Albert

KENDALLVILLE — Violet M. Albert, 89, died at 9:55 p.m. Sunday, June 15, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home after a two-year illness. She had resided there for five years.

She had been a nurse's aide at Irene Byron Hospital and the old Lutheran Home. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hudson.

She was born May 20, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Chester and Ruth (Smith) McKee.

She married Darris Albert in 1965 in Paulding, Ohio. He died in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Roger Kaiser of Wolcottville; a son, Gary Wise of Phoenix; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Gloria Horton of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were a son, David; and a sister, Opal Houser.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with Pastor Roger Olson, chaplain of Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, officiating. Burial will be at the South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday beginning at noon at the funeral home. Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Dorthea Bixler

CHURUBUSCO — Dorthea L. Bixler, 88, died Monday, June, 16, 2003, at 5:55 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn after a lengthy illness.

She had been a patient at the nursing home for three years.

She is survived by her husband, Leo H. Bixler, and a daughter, Lorraine Zolman of Garrett.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneral-home.com.

The Evening Star, Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Dorthea Bixler

CHURUBUSCO — Dorthea L. Bixler, 88, died at 5:55 a.m. Monday, June 16, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bixler

She and her husband had farmed in the Churubusco area since 1949. In 1975 they moved into their home in Churubusco. She was a homemaker and attended Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bixler was born March 7, 1915, in Taylorville, Ill., to Justin E. and Laura (Ickes) Wenner.

She married Leo Henry Bixler on Nov. 11, 1938. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Neal Zolman of Garrett; two granddaughters and their husbands, Della and Tony Thompson of Wolcottville and Doreen and Chet Brown of Ashley; five great-grandchildren, Gabrielle, Matea and Ross Thompson and Victoria and Elizabeth Brown; and a sister, Clar Elma Brodrick of Cincinnati.

Services were today at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery in Allen County.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

J. Reynold Johnson

BUTLER — J. Reynold Johnson, 74, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Johnson was the former owner and operator of the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home and Johnson Furniture Store in Butler. He was the third generation of the Johnson family to serve in the funeral business. He dedicated more than 50 years of service to the DeKalb County community, with compassion and caring for all families that he served.

Mr. Johnson

He provided ambulance service for more than 35 years and was an original organizer of the DeKalb County Emergency Medical Services. He also served as a DeKalb County emergency medical technician for 10 years.

He served on the DeKalb Eastern school board for eight years, the Butler Park Board and the DeKalb County Hospital Board.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F. & A.M., serving as secretary for 20 years. He also belonged to the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and York Rite of Angola. He was a 50-year member of the Indiana Funeral Director Association.

He was born May 12, 1929, in Butler to Harold and Esther (Krafft) Johnson.

He married Lois M. Newcomer on Aug. 20, 1952, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Renee and David Harpster of Auburn and Lisa Johnson of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Jon and Mary Ann Johnson of Angola and Eric and Deborah Johnson of Butler; three grandchildren, Chad Harpster of Auburn, and Jared and Zachary Johnson of Butler; and one sister, Charlotte Campbell of Butler.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with pastor Dan Eckart officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m., at the funeral home, where a Masonic service will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Forest Lodge 239 F. & A.M., or the Butler Park Board.

Molleigh McClure

KENDALLVILLE — Molleigh K. McClure, 5 months old, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Jason J. McClure and Shannon Mangan, both of Kendallville; a half-sister, Madison McClure of Kendallville; her grandparents, Michael Mangan of Clearwater, Fla., Larraine Sanders of Springfield, Ohio, Cindy Howard of Pensacola, Fla. and Jeff McClure of Garrett; her great-grandparents, Wayne and Carol Paschal of Fort Wayne, Janet Luce of Newville and Carolyn McClure of Angola; two aunts, Meghan Mangan of Fort Wayne and Brittany Carnahan of Pensacola, Fla.; and three uncles, Adam McClure of Garrett, David Howard of Fort Wayne and Bill Howard of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today in Knauss Chapel at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is one hour prior to services in the chapel lounge.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne.

This obituary is being republished with revisions to the information originally reported to the newspaper.

Herbert Arnold

BUTLER — Herbert William Arnold, 80, died June 13, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mr. Arnold was employed as an Allied truck driver for 40 years, retiring in 1988.

He was born April 8, 1923, in Chicago to Herbert W. Arnold and Ruth Holmes.

His wife, Lois (Guthrie) Arnold, died March 4, 1988.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Alta Arnold of Angola, Kenneth and Valerie Arnold of Fort Wayne and Dennis and Kathy Arnold of Auburn; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Michele Kirch of Tucson, Ariz., Karen and Steve Brown of Waterloo, Beverly and Delbert McDowell of Akron, Ohio, and Cherrie Nelson of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Marina Marble of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a brother, Dick Arnold of Chicago; a sister, Patricia Hutchinson of Arizona; 28 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Ken Jansky, and two sisters, Dorothy and Shirley O'Lone.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with John P. Dimarzio officiating. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Celestia Dirrim

HAMILTON — Celestia Sue Dirrim, 94, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Dirrim was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, Hamilton Bridge Club and the Rebekah Lodge of Hamilton.

She was born March 8, 1909, in Pawnee, Kan., to Harry A. and Wilmetta H. (Copeland) Hanes.

She married Harry F. Dirrim on Oct. 6, 1932. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harry Fred Dirrim Jr. and Terry Dirrim of Angola; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Maida Hissong of Hamilton, Valta Doyle of Hilton Head Island, S.C., Wilma and Edward Kyle of Port Orange, Fla., and Lin and Stephen Snuffer of Cool Ridge, W.Va.; a brother and sister-in-law, Theron and Joy Hanes of Warsaw; 15 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Charla Ida Dirrim, and three sisters, Mary Williamson, Wilmat Wells and Bethel Buss.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Church of Christ. Pastor David Payne will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are the church.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Rhodehamel

CHURUBUSCO — Raymond A. Rhodehamel, 59, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at 11:17 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne, after an apparent heart attack at his home.

Mr. Rhodehamel had owned and operated RESCO professional waste water treatment consultants and was superintendent of the wastewater plant for the town of Churubusco for the last two years. He was employed at the former PCS in LaOtto and was a self-employed diesel mechanic.

He moved from New Castle to Portland as a youth and graduated from Portland High School in 1962. He lived in Churubusco the past 38 years. He was a member of the Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years and served as chief twice. He also served as a reserve police officer in Churubusco.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wane and other Masonic bodies.

He was born May 29, 1944, in New Castle to Leo and Lois (French) Rhodehamel.

He married Catherine "Cathy" L. Williams on May 21, 1988, in Portland. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex A. and Jennifer Rhodehamel of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Wade A. Bogard of Churubusco; three stepdaughters, Deborah Wynn of Burlington, Wash., Rachele Briggs and her husband, Rodney, of Oak Island, N.C., and Catherine Danielle Bogard of Queens, N.Y.; a brother and sister-in-law, Clark "Moe" and Julie Rhodehamel of Portland; and four grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Gene and Chuck; and a sister, Virginia Koon.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churbusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association memorial service at 7 p.m. and a Churubusco Masonic Lodge memorial service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

John Cotterman

HAMILTON — John W. Cotterman, 81, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola, where he had been a patient since June 12.

Mr. Cotterman lived most of his life in Bryan, Ohio, retiring to Hamilton Lake. He was a retired farmer and was employed for 21 years as a salesman for John Melton Ford and Tom Sheridan Ford.

He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan and was a life member of the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 1064 in Bryan. He served on the Hamilton Lake Association for several years.

He was born May 13, 1922, in Bryan to William and Carrie (Reagle) Cotterman.

On January 1, 1949, he married Gwendolyn Bishoff in St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Montpelier, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and John Hageman of Kendallville and Kathy and Ben Pierce and Nancy Cotterman, all of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, John David and Nancy Cotterman of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Hepker, and two brothers, Harold and Raymond Cotterman.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan, with the Rev. Eric Stoops of the Hamilton United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling is at the Bryan church from 1 to 2 p.m.

Private burial will be in Farmer Cemetery.

Memorials are to the John Cotterman Family Fund of the Bryan Area Foundation.

The Evening Star, Saturday, June 21, 2003

Geraldine Harter

BUTLER — Geraldine M. Harter, 78, died Friday, June 20, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born July 10, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Albert and Elsie (Siefer) Sanders. She married William Harter on Feb. 14, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Mrs. Harter was a homemaker.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, William Jr. and Dixie Harter of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; two daughters, Patricia Morrison of Butler and Gloria Harter of St. Joe; one brother, Raymond Sanders of Fort Wayne; one stepbrother, Walter Heredeen of Auburn; two sisters, Gertrude Kerns and Joan Ulery, both of Fort Wayne; one stepsister, Thelma Wheeler of Angola; three grandchildren, Allen Robinson, William Harter III and Dawn Sipe; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and stepfather, Louis Heredeen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Memorials are to the family.

Patricia Beebe

FREMONT — Patricia M. Beebe, 69, died Friday, June 20, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Beebe was a homemaker. She was born Feb. 25, 1934, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to William Earle and Erma (Coffman) Cotter.

She married Jerry L. Beebe on Jan. 1, 1954. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Lori Beebe of Burr Ridge, Ill., and Michael and Nancy Beebe of Chicago; a daughter, Nancy Beebe of Warrenville, Ill.; eight grandchildren; her mother-in-law, Ercell Beebe of Fort Wayne; and a daughter-in-law, Lori Beebe of Shore View, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Randy Beebe and Ronald Beebe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Donald Youso will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association or a church or charity of the donor's choice.

Lillian Everitt

ANGOLA — Lillian I. Everitt, 88, died Saturday, June 21, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Everitt was a homemaker and a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, Scott Ladies Aide and Scott Homemakers.

She was born July 13, 1914, in Scott Township, Steuben County to Leslie E. and Katherine P. (Stokes) Cole.

She married Hurschel W. Everitt on June 14, 1934. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1999.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Max W. Everitt, and a brother, John Cole.

Surviving are a daughter, Nila A. Courtright of Hudson; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. The Rev. Norman Fuller and the Rev. Norman Kistler will officiate. Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Oscar Slusher

ASHLEY — Oscar G. Slusher, 50, died Thursday, June 19, 2003, at his home in Ashley.

Mr. Slusher was a truck driver for Kodak, attended Barker Chapel Church and enjoyed fishing, pool, motorcycles, computers and model cars.

Mr. Slusher

He was born Jan. 2, 1953, in Denver to Guy E. and Helen (Houser) Slusher. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his companion, Mary Hale of Ashley; four daughters, Rachel McDonald of Hobart, Bobbie Slusher of Redondo Beach, Calif., Becky Slusher of Edon, Ohio, and Hope Thomas of Indiana; two sons, Jason Slusher of TriLakes and Josh Slusher; a brother, Ed Slusher of California; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and special friends Randy Batchelder, Jessica Batchelder and Trevor Batchelder.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Slusher.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Pastor Clair Hochstetler will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Margarette Shaffer

ANDREWS — Margarette D. Shaffer, 89, died Thursday, June 19, 2003, at Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester.

Mrs. Shaffer formerly taught and was the head of the business education department at Smith-Green Community High School in Churubusco. She was a member of Delta Pi Epsilon and the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

She was born Feb. 18, 1914, in Reynolds to Henry C. and Mary Eva (Bigelow) Wiese. Her foster parents were Howard L. and Emma (Poe) Jeffrey. She married Kenneth L. Shaffer on Sept. 5, 1931, in Andrews. He preceded her in death Sept. 24, 1996.

She is survived by a daughter, Dr. Jane Elsmere of North Manchester; a granddaughter, Eva Aldrich of Franklin; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington. Chaplain David Doudt will officiate. Burial will be at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Myrtle Allen

AVILLA — Myrtle Irene Allen, 94, died Friday, June 20, 2003, at 4:45 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had lived for one month.

Mrs. Allen was a homemaker and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Scottish Cultural Society.

She was born Sept. 24, 1908, in Garrett to Charles W. and Agnes J. (Howard) Mitchell.

She married Everette J. Allen on Nov. 30, 1945, in Auburn. He preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Charles Mitchell, Ben Mitchell and Norman Mitchell; and two sisters, Nolan Mitchell and Elishe Mitchell.

Surviving are a son, Edward Allen of Roseville, Calif.; two grandsons, Bradley J. Allen of Sacramento, Calif., and Roger E. Allen of Rancho San Margareta, Calif.; a granddaughter, Stacey Allen of Plesanton, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett. Pastor David Farling will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thomas Crain Jr.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Thomas Marshall Crain Jr., 61, died Sunday, June 15, 2003, at Granby, Conn., of cancer.

Mr. Crain lived in the area for 19 years. He was a real estate developer and home builder for 17 years in Connecticut. He served on nuclear submarines in the U.S. Navy for six years.

He was born Sept. 6, 1941, in Angola to Thomas M. and W. Marcella (Fanning) Crain.

Surviving are his stepmother, Iona Crain of Angola; three daughters, Cynthia Ann Monarca and Wendy Elizabeth Beebe, both of Windsor, Conn., and Sandra Jean Crain of Granby; one sister and brother-in- law, David A. and Sharon L. Field of Angola; one brother, Robert L. Crain of Pate City, Taiwan; one grandaughter, Sarah Ann Monarca; aunts and uncles, Maxine and Stephen Woodworth and Robert Fanning of Angola, Retha Crain of Fremont, Phyllis and Wallace Lobdell of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Mary Johnson, Julia Dixon and Phyllis and Philip Kaiser, all of Fort Wayne, Virginia and William Persman and Mary and Ken Bailey, all of El Paso, Texas; two nephews, one niece and numerous cousins.

Services were June 18 at Gayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby, with military honors. Burial was in National Cemetery in Andersonville, Ga.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sndf@gte.net.

This obituary is being republished with new information about surviving family members.

Oscar Slusher

ASHLEY — Oscar G. Slusher, 50, died Thursday, June 19, 2003, at his home in Ashley.

Mr. Slusher was a truck driver for Kodak, attended Barker Chapel Church and enjoyed fishing, pool, motorcycles, computers and model cars.

He was born Jan. 2, 1953, in Denver to Guy E. and Helen (Houser) Slusher. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his companion, Mary Hale of Ashley; four daughters, Rachael McDonald of Hobart, Bobbie Slusher of Redondo Beach, Calif., Becky Slusher of Edon, Ohio, and Hope Thomas of Indiana; two sons, Jason Slusher of TriLakes and Josh Thompson of South Whitley; a brother, Ed Slusher of California; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and special friends Randy Batchelder, Jessica Batchelder and Trevor Batchelder.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Slusher.

Services were at 1 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Pastor Clair Hochstetler officiated. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family.

Gerald Forbes

COLDWATER, Mich. — Gerald Gene Forbes, 82, died Sunday, June 22, 2003, at home.

Mr. Forbes served in the Air Force from 1940 until he retired in 1960 as a master sergeant.

He was a life member of the American Legion, the 40 & 8 and Michigan State Employees Association.

He was born April 17, 1921, in Stroh, to William and Laura (Gaskill) Forbes.

He married Pauline Foster on June 8, 1946, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on Oct. 31, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Charles Stewart of Bronson, Mich.; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Martia and Patrick Stevens of Mountain Home, Idaho; two great-grandsons, Johnathan and Samuel Stevens; a brother, J.K. Forbes of Coldwater; a sister, Marjorie Spurgeon of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater, with Pastor David Knapp officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Snow Prairie Cemetery, Branch County, Mich., with military honors conducted by the American Legion Post No. 52 Drill Team.

Memorials are to the Community Health Center of Branch County Home Health Care and Hospice.

Delores Smith

LAKEPORT, Fla. — Dolores M. "Peggy" Smith, 71, died Monday, June 16, 2003, in her residence.

She was born Nov. 11, 1931, in Grand Marais, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas C. Smith of Lakeport, Fla.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry L. Houlton and Ricky G. and Geneva Houlton, all of Hamilton; five stepdaughters and one stepson and their spouses, Tina and Tom Kolher of Moorehaven, Fla., Tammy and Randy Davis and Tori and Eric Kain of Marseilles, Ill., Tony and Ralph Alverez of Seneca, Ill., Terry and Steve Casey of Peru, Ill., and Thomas C. and Chris Smith Jr., of Morris, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Velma Mae and Richard Dielman of Sebring, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Norita Call of Butler; three granddaughters, 19 stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle W. Call and Velma Mae (Smyth) Call-LeCoque; her stepfather; William LeCoque; her first husband, Maurice "Red" Houlton; a son, Larry Houlton; a brother, Lyle Call; and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, 501 W. Green St., Butler.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ilo Davis

KENDALLVILLE — Ilo M. Davis, 85, died Monday, June 23, 2003, at the home of her niece in Mill Creek, Ind., where she had resided since November 2002.

Mrs. Davis had retired in 1983 from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after 27 years of service. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was an avid bowler and member of the 600 Club. She was a graduate of Kendallville High School.

She was born Jan. 16, 1918, in Kendallville to Harry and Hilda (Witt) Swartz.

She first married Charles Kuhn. He died Oct. 1, 1965.

She then married Joseph Robert Davis on May 16, 1974. He died Sept. 16, 2000.

Surviving are a niece and her husband, Sharlene and Richard Borkowski of Mill Creek; five nephews and their spouses, Dennis and Sally Ford of Hermitage, Pa., Lauren and Nellie Ford of Mill Creek, James Swartz of Auburn, Krag and Donna Swartz of St. Paul, Minn., and David and Kathy Swartz of Fort Wayne; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

One son, Duane Kuhn, preceded her in death Oct. 20, 1994.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in rural Kendallville.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or School or to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Eula Farver

AUBURN — Eula M. Farver, 91, formerly of Ashley, died Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Farver was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashley and the St. John's Ladies Guild.

Mrs. Farver

She was born May 4, 1912, in Hamilton, to Freeman and Cora (Baker) McCool.

She married Louis M. Farver on Oct. 31, 1928, in Angola. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1956.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Beverly Farver of Ashley, Jack and Lottie Farver of Waterloo and Larry and Judy Farver of Goshen; 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lois Logan, and two granddaughters, Christine Farver and Lisa Farver.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with the Rev. John Kabes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John's United Church of Christ.

June Mitchell

AUBURN — June Katherine Mitchell, 67, a former Auburn resident, died Sunday, June 22, 2003, in Durham, N.C.

Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

June Mitchell

RALEIGH, N.C. — June Katherine (Yates) Mitchell, 67, of Raleigh, N.C., died Sunday, June 22, 2003, at Duke University Research Center in Durham, N.C.

She was born June 22, 1936, in Steuben County.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald Mitchell of Raleigh; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pier and Joseph Parsey of Indianapolis and Velvet and Mitchell Simmons of Atlanta; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dean Yates, and a sister, Donna Dixon.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Duke University Cancer Center Research, Durham.

Dolores Smith

LAKEPORT, Fla. — Dolores M. "Peggy" Smith, 71, died Monday, June 16, 2003, in her residence.

She was born Nov. 11, 1931, in Grand Marais, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas C. Smith of Lakeport, Fla.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry L. Houlton and Ricky G. and Geneva Houlton, all of Hamilton; five stepdaughters and one stepson and their spouses, Tina and Tom Kolher of Moorehaven, Fla., Tammy and Randy Davis and Tori and Eric Kain of Marseilles, Ill., Tony and Ralph Alverez of Seneca, Ill., Terry and Steve Casey of Peru, Ill., and Thomas C. and Chris Smith Jr., of Morris, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Velma Mae and Richard Dielman of Sebring, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Norita Call of Butler; three granddaughters, 19 stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle W. Call and Velma Mae (Smyth) Call-LeCoque; her stepfather, William LeCoque; her first husband, Maurice "Red" Houlton; a son, Larry Houlton; a brother, Lyle Call; and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, 501 W. Green St., Butler.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Clyde Handshoe

HOWE — Clyde Handshoe, 72, died at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at home.

Mr. Handshoe had worked at foundries in Kendallville and Sturgis, Mich. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War.

He was born March 17, 1931, in Garrett, Ky., to Floyd and Mary (Watkins) Handshoe.

He married Shirley Lawson in 1949 in Paintsville, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jerry Handshoe of Sturgis, Mich., and Randy L. Handshoe of Howe; three sisters, Maudie Ritchie of Stroh, Tiny Sturgills of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Arbutus Lykins of Willard, Ohio; a brother, Floyd Handshoe of LaGrange; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Patty Sue Handshoe; a sister, Fanny Turner; and a stepbrother, Arnie Barrnet.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

G. Grenivere Kugler

LAOTTO — G. Grenivere "Babe" Kugler, 97, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at 7:05 a.m., in the United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren.

Miss Kugler

She was a lifetime LaOtto resident before entering Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla in 1992. She had lived at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren for the past eight years.

After serving as a teacher at LaOtto Elementary School for 43 years, she retired in June 1970.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto.

She was born Sept. 24, 1905, in LaOtto, to Isidor and Barbara (Grim) Kugler.

Several nieces and nephews survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Wayne Kugler and Herman Kugler, and two sisters, Margaret Whan and Mabel Garman.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lucile DePew

GARRETT — Lucile DePew, 81, died Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Born in Garrett, she was a secretary and title clerk at DeHaven Chevrolet in Fort Wayne for 14 years, retiring in 1986.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and Jane Adams Society. She volunteered at associated churches and Lutheran Hospital and enjoyed yard work and playing the piano.

She is survived by her husband, Dale of Garrett; and two sisters, Sarah Jean Eldridge of Garrett and Marjorie Eldridge of Chicago.

Services will be at noon Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. in Sedan Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling is Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Saturday, June 28, 2003

BUTLER — **Marie L. Perkins**, 68, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, in the home of her son in Butler. Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Mabel Workman

NORTH MANCHESTER — Mabel L. Workman, 93, died Friday, June 27, 2003, at 10:01 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 3, 1909, in Howard County to John Samuel Sommers and Clara Ellen Shank Sommers.

She grew up in the Kokomo-Greentown area, where she attended the Mennonite Church at Plevna.

She married Luther Workman in Goshen on March 30, 1929. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1978.

Since 1989, Mrs. Workman had been a resident of Timbercrest Retirement Community in North Manchester, where she played bingo and was involved in the reading and exercise groups.

Mrs. Workman was a homemaker and assisted her husband with farm operations. She was a member of the West Manchester Church of the Brethren, Ladies Aide Group and the Home Extension Club, all in North Manchester. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and lawn and garden work.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Norma Workman of Auburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Jane and Jerry Murphy of Butler, Bonnie Lauer of North Manchester, Janet and Richard Miller of North Manchester and Barbara and Jim Krichbaum of Chelsea, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Workman of North Manchester; a sister, Lou Whitehead of Elkhart; 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Richard Workman, on May 26, 1997, six brothers, four sisters and one grandson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Timbercrest Chapel. Pastor Joan Deeter and the Rev. Kurt Stout will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery at North Manchester.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main St., North Manchester, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at Timbercrest Chapel.

Memorials are to the West Manchester Church of the Brethren Heifer Project or Timbercrest Church of the Brethren Home.

A memorial guestbook may be signed on-line at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Wendell Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Wendell L. Parker, 56, died on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 2, 1947 in Wayland, Ky., to Perry and Geneva (Ratliff) Parker. He married Patricia Bradley on Aug. 30, 1969 in Virginia. She survives.

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He retired in 2000 from Auburn Foundry in Auburn.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

He is survived a son Wendell, Avilla; four brothers Billy Tom Parker, Auburn, Jones David Parker, Waterloo, Rondal Parker, Wayland, Ky., and Austin Parker, Waterloo; three sisters, Jackie Caudill, Wayland, Ky., Sarah Moore, Kendallville, and Sally Gibson, Waterloo.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Burial will follow. There is no visitation. Send condolences or sign the online register book at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The Evening Star, Sunday, June 29, 2003

Eunice Stienbarger

CHURUBUSCO — Eunice W. Stienbarger, 81, died Saturday, June 28, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She health had been declining for some time and had entered the hospital two weeks ago.

Mrs. Stienbarger was born in Smith Township in Whitley County on Oct. 21, 1921, to Jon I. and Fern (Brandon) Jones. She moved Churubusco as a young girl.

She married Merle F. Stienbarger in 1941. He survives.

She also is survived a son Dewayne M.; two sisters, Phyllis Geiger and Avonelle Stampe, both of Churubusco; two brothers, Robert and Roger Jones, both of Churubusco; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Sheets & Child Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department.

Michael Porter

WAYSIDE, W.Va. — Michael Dale Porter, 54, formerly of Cromwell, died Wednesday, June 25, 2003, as a result of an automobile accident near Pipestem, W.Va..

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He had a love for his dogs, horses and farm animals.

Mr. Porter was born on Jan. 2, 1949, the son of Charles H. and Majorie Mildred (Shockey) Porter, in Cabin Creek, W.Va. His mother survives in Ligonier.

Survivors also include his daughter, Angela Dawn Porter, and his son, Robert Dale Porter, both of Victorville, Calif.; two brothers, Charles Andrew Porter and James Randall Porter, all of Ligonier; three sisters, Betty Bailes of Charleston, W.Va., Karen Rollins of Ligonier and Pam Johnston of Cromwell; 10 nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Dodd-Payne-Hess Funeral Home Chapel in Fayetteville, W.Va. Military rites will be conducted by Oak Hill VFW Post 3110 at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Fayetteville.

Lucille Baker

KIMMELL — Lucille M. Baker, 82, died from natural causes at home.

She was born in Noble County on Jan. 22, 1921, to Paul W. and Maude (Kunce) Beezley.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Broadway Christian Chapel where she was involved in Vacation Bible School.

She was a music lover, playing the piano, organ and accordion. She was an accompanist for the Broadway Quartet and music students at competitions. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, bird watching and wildlife. She was also accomplished at sewing.

She is survived by her husband Everett Baker, Kimmell; two daughters, Diana Brown, Cromwell, and Judy Wentworth, Kimmell; a sister Virginia Townsend, Tampa, Fla.; a half-sister, Jeanette Bockman, North Webster; a stepsister, Esther Henwood, Syracuse; grandchildren Jackie and Dana Brown, Wendy Sue Callahan and Josh Wentworth; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Woody and Leroy Beezley; a half-brother, Bud Beezley; a stepbrother, John Baugher; and a step sister, Letha Koher.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Lee Belleman officiating. Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or donor's choice.

The Evening Star, Sunday, June 29, 2003

Arthur Howell

COLLIER, Pa. — Arthur D. "Tubby" Howell, 65, died Friday, June 27, 2003, while surrounded by his loving and faithful family.

He was born April 1, 1938, in York Run, Pa., to Ralph T. and Veta Angeline Howell. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his loving, devoted wife of 47 years, Rhea Lowden Howell, who gave him tender loving care and spiritual support through his very lengthy illness.

Also surviving are a two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Dave Howe of Auburn and Connie and Brian Donaldson of Collier, Pa.; a daughter and her fiance, Renee Sroka and Shane Wheeler of Smithfield, Pa.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Arthur "Gig" Howell Jr. and Shawn Howell of Oliver, Pa.; Timothy "Fuzz" and Brenda Howell of Fairchance, Pa.; 12 grandchildren, Corina of Auburn, Andy, Paul and Sara of Oliver, Pa., Jason, Justin, Maranda and Angela of Fairchance, Pa., Brian and Lee of Collier, Pa., Jodi, Mike and Shane Jr. of Smithfield, Pa.; two great-grandchildren, Michael of Fairchance, Pa., and Brendan of Smithfield, Pa.; a sister-in-law, Dixie Goble and her husband, Doyle, and family of Garrett; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thomas Howell of Connellsville, Pa., Amadee and Sandy Howell of Smithfield, Pa., and James G. Howell Sr. and Betty Howell of Smithfield, Pa.; a sister and brother-in-law, Olive and Chuck Johnson of North Ridgeville, Ohio; and a special cousin, Eugene Handschumaker of Collier, Pa.

He also was preceded in death by one brother, Aliverio Howell, and his father- and mother-in-law, James and Olive "Kate" Lowden.

Services will be Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church in Fairchance, Pa. The Rev. Father David Nazimek will officiate. Burial will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery at Uniontown, Pa.

Calling is Monday from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Dean C. Whitmarsh Funeral Home, 134 W. Church St., Fairchance, Pa., and Tuesday until 8 a.m., when a prayer service will be held.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Carl Ross

FORT WAYNE — Carl "Red" Herron Ross, 94, died Friday June 27, 2003 at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Before moving to Fort Wayne in 1996, Mr. Ross lived in Kendallville, from 1967-1996, and Avilla, from 1917 to 1967, working as an auto mechanic.

He owned and operated Ross Garage in Avilla and later worked for Parker Nivens, Jonny Roman and Max Platt, from where he retired in 1980.

In World War II he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. In Avilla he worked at the fire department and joined Avilla Lodge 460 F&AM in 1942. He was a charter member of the Avilla Lions Club and was also a member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William R. and Carie Ross, one bother and two sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Leonard King officiating. Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. A Masonic service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Gregory Voirol

TOLEDO, Ohio — Gregory Lee Voirol, 46, died Friday, June 27, 2003.

He was born in Garrett on May 24, 1957, to Gregory B. and Mary L. (Landers) Voirol.

He worked as a truck driver for 28 years at Norfolk and Southern.

He is survived by his father, Waterloo; two sons Adam Voirol and Josh Voirol, both of Auburn; one daughter, Chandra Voirol, Waterloo; two brothers, Joe Voirol, Angola, George Voirol, Angola; one sister, Tresa Bishop, Corunna; three grandchildren, Brandon Gerig, Alexis Voirol and Taylin Voirol.

He is preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Calling will be Tuesday, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Marie Perkins

BUTLER — Marie L. Perkins, 68, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at the home of her son, Douglas Perkins, with whom she resided.

Mrs. Perkins

Mrs. Perkins was born in Watertown, S.D., on Sept. 11, 1934.

With her husband, Bobby Ray Perkins, she moved to Rome City in 1969, where she worked out of her home preparing certified taxes. She also worked as a secretary at Electric Cordset in Wolcottville and was a state-certified emergency medical technician for the Rome City Ambulance. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 381.

She is survived by two daughters Debra Carreras, San Jose, Cali., and Bobbi Jo Hoose, Kendallville; two sons, Dwaine Shults, Owingsville, Ky. and Douglas Perkins, Butler; one foster son, Douglas Smith, Warsaw; one stepson Lewis Shults, Elgin, Ill.; three stepdaughters Nadine Woodard, Fulkaville, Ala., Charlene Perkins and Terri Lynn Perkins, Cali.; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Surviving brothers are Clifford Dummer McDonald, Ariz., Wesley Dummer, Calif., Lloyd Dummer, Fla., Jim Dummer, Calif., Johnny Dummer, Wis., Billy Dummer, Wis.

Surviving are her two sisters LaVonne Walter, Ala. and Judy Abraham, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents, Albert and Alice Dummer.

Services will be Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Pastor Cova Perkins officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

American Legion Post will conduct a service on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials are to the family.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Eunice Stienbarger

CHURUBUSCO — Eunice W. Stienbarger, 81, of rural Churubusco in Allen County, died Saturday, June 28, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Her health had been declining for some time. She entered the hospital two weeks ago.

Mrs. Stienbarger

Mrs. Stienbarger was born in Smith Township in Whitley County on Oct. 21, 1921, to John I. and Fern (Brandon) Jones. She moved to Eel River Township east of Churubusco as a young girl. She was educated in the Huntertown schools.

She married Merle F. Stienbarger in 1941 in Columbia City. He survives. The couple spent all of their married lives in the Churubusco area, and were in their present home for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Stienbarger was a 31-year employee of General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1977.

She also is survived by a son and a daughter-in-law, Dewayne M. and Helen Stienbarger of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis Geiger, and Avonelle and Roger Stampe, all of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Nancy Jones, and Roger and Mary Jones, all of Churubusco; two grandchildren and their spouses, Lanette and Kregg Jones of Churubusco, and Bill and Chris Stienbarger of Fort Wayne; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Sheets & Child Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department.

Richard Smith

WATERLOO — Richard A. Smith, 60, died Sunday, June 29, 2003, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith owned Smith Brothers Signs in Waterloo from 1969 to 1977. He was co-owner of Smith Brothers Auto Body in Waterloo from 1972 to 1977. He owned and operated Screen Imprints in Waterloo for nine years.

He was a member of the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and a former member and board member of the Faith Fellowship Church of Butler. He worked with St. Jude Children's Hospital, Make-A-Wish and Feed the Children. He was an avid fisherman, gardener and guitar player.

He was born March 6, 1943, in Auburn to Richard J. and Opal E. (Poorman) Smith. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Waterloo.

Surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis J. and Janet Smith, Stanley S. and Jeanne Smith and C. Noel and Sue Smith, all of Waterloo; a sister, Sharon K. Bullock of Waterloo; 12 nieces and nephews and 37 great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Julia Barth Poorman, Almetta Buss Poorman, Dennis E. Poorman and Jacob and Lilian Smith.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Hemophilius Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Marie Perkins

BUTLER — Marie L. Perkins, 68, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at the home of her son, Douglas Perkins, with whom she resided. She had been ill since 1997.

Mrs. Perkins

Mrs. Perkins was born in Watertown, S.D., on Sept. 11, 1934, to Albert and Alice (Paso) Schmidt Dummer. In September 1966, she married Bobby Ray Perkins. He died in October 1991.

In 1969 the couple moved to Rome City, where she worked out of her home preparing certified taxes. She also worked as a secretary at Electric Cordset in Wolcottville and was a state-certified emergency medical technician for the Rome City ambulance service. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 381.

She is survived by two daughters, Debra and Daniel Carreras Sr. of San Rafael, Calif., and Bobbi Jo Hooser of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dwaine and Iva Shults of Owingsville, Ky., and Douglas and Dawn Perkins of Butler; a foster son, Douglas Smith of Warsaw; a stepson and his wife, Lewis "Butch" and Rita Shults of Elgin, Ill.; three stepdaughters and their spouses, Nadine and Bill Woodard of Fulkaville, Ala., Charlene Perkins of Illinois and Terri Lynn Perkins of California; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Also surviving are seven brothers, Clifford Dummer McDonald of Arizona, Wesley Dummer of California, Lloyd Dummer of Florida, Jim Dummer of California, Johnny Dummer of Wisconsin, Billy Dummer of Wisconsin, and Eugene Dummer of Illinois; and two sisters, LaVonne "Bonnie" Walter of Alabama and Judy Abraham of Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents, Albert and Alice Dummer.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Pastor Cova Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

American Legion Auxiliary of Post 381 will conduct a service on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Barbara Bickel

BUTLER — Barbara S. Bickel, 77, died Monday, June 30, 2003, at 12:10 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

A former resident of Pleasantville, Pa., she was born there Feb. 22, 1926, to Curtis and Leona Devore Spence. Her parents preceded her in death.

She graduated from Robert Clark Memorial High School at Pleasantville in 1944.

She married George A. Bickel on July 5, 1945, in Pleasantville. He survives.

After her children were grown, she worked as a private secretary to the controller of Remington Rand Corp. in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Bickel was a former member of the Pleasantville United Methodist Church and a member of the United Methodist Church in Perrysburg, Ohio. She was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Grace United Methodist Women's Circle.

She was active in the Garden Club and Herb Club and was a Girl Scout leader. She loved many activities, including sewing, swimming, hiking and bowling. She enjoyed family events the most, including family reunions at her home in Pleasantville. She and her husband lived in several states over the years, but always maintained a home in Pleasantville and kept in close contact with the community.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three daughters and sons-in-law, Gail and John Bulanda, Bonnie and Clarence Fater and Patti and Jay Paxton; four grandchildren, Michelle Fater, Beth Fater, Sara Paxton and David Bulanda and his wife, Erin; a great-grandson, Isaiah Clemmons; a sister, Irene Finch; and a brother, Richard Spence.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Gordon B. Garrett Funeral Home, 303 N. Washington St., Titusville, Pa. The Rev. Peter DeGerlando, a retired United Methodist minister, will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens in Cranberry, Pa.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Gloria Derrow

LUBBOCK, Texas — Gloria J. Derrow, 57, died Monday, June 30, 2003, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born May 4, 1946, in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Campbell, and a sister, Arlene Cunningham, both of Auburn.

Service arrangements are pending with Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Alice Nugen

FORT WAYNE — Alice M. Nugen, 80, died Sunday, June 29, 2003, at Regency Place.

Miss Nugen graduated from Auburn High School in 1939. She was an office worker for Wayne Hardware and Myers & McCarthy men's store, both in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 14, 1922, in Auburn to Frank and Nellie (Culbertson) Nugen. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Joan Nugen of Auburn; a brother-in-law, William Moore of Auburn; five nieces, Linda Gerig of Holland, Mich., Debra Hughes of Fort Wayne, Ann Seiss of Auburn, Sandra Campbell of Waynedale and Vicki Collins; and a nephew, Rob Nugen of Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Nugen, and a sister, Helen Moore.

Graveside services were today at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

The Rev. Paul Burris officiated.

Memorials are to the humane society.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Moody

KENDALLVILLE — Howard D.C. Moody, 45, died Saturday, June 28, 2003, at 11 a.m. at his home in Kendallville.

Mr. Moody was a carpenter and construction worker. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born April 21, 1957, in Columbus, Ga.

Surviving are his father, Gerald Moody of Butler; his mother, C. Tabitha Ward Tinkle of Floresant, Colo.; two brothers, Richard of Sharing Springs, Mo., and Mark of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three half-brothers, Thomas and Joseph, both of Butler, and Benjamin of Kankakee, Ill.; four sisters, Janet Pease of South Bend, Roxanne Human of Nampa, Idaho, and Tamara Malzone and Arcie Moody, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and three half-sisters, Rachel Moody of Fort Wayne, and Deborah and Diana Moody, both of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Anthony.

Services will be today at 5 p.m. in the Butler Nazarene Church, with calling after 4 p.m. The Rev. Paul Patton will officiate.

Joyce Bill

ANGOLA — Joyce G. (Bridgman) Bill, 61, died Monday, June 23, 2003.

Mrs. Bill was born in Toledo, Ohio, on April 14, 1942, to Joseph G. and Elfrieda (Hemp) Bridgman. She married Anthony "Tony" C. Bill on Dec. 27, 1964, in Toledo. He survives.

She taught school in Oregon at Starr Elementary School from 1964-67, and had worked as a long distance telephone operator for AT&T in Toledo for 17 years. She previously attended Martin Luther Lutheran Church in East Toledo. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers Retiree Group and the Communication Workers of America. She enjoyed reading and gardening.

She is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael J. and Kristin and Andrew J. Bill, all of Toledo; grandchildren, Giselle, Phlegar, Kyrie, Alexandra, Aislinn and Nathaniel Bill; and a brother, Jerry Bridgman of Toledo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister, Mary Ann Bridgman.

Services were held June 30 in Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville, Ohio. Burial was in Woodville Township Cemetery.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association or Telephone Pioneers Retirement Group, 121 N. Hudson St., Toledo, OH 43604.

Arrangements were by Brossia-Marsh Funeral Home, Woodville.

Michael Georgiadis

GLEN COVE, N.Y. — Michael G. Georgiadis, 66, died Monday, June 30, 2003, in Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y.

Mr. Georgiadis served as the director of engineering for Liberty Maritime Corp. and was highly respected in the maritime industry. He was a beloved husband, loving father and proud grandfather.

He was born June 15, 1937, in Athens, Greece.

Surviving are his wife, Arlene (Dunn) Georgiadis of Glen Cove; three daughters, Helina Dredla, Brenda Cropper and Margaret DeRosa; two sons, William Georgiadis and Michael Klink; 12 grandchildren; and his mother-in-law, Bessie Dunn of Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Lynn Dukes will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the S.U.N.Y. Maritime College Scholarship Fund, Pennyfield Ave., Bronx, NY 10465.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Maurice Stafford

WATERLOO — Maurice E. "Gene" Stafford, 77, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stafford worked as a printer for Waterloo Printing. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Waterloo Lions Club, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the DeKalb County Merit Board and the Masonic Lodge.

He was born Aug. 8, 1925, in Auburn to Frank and Dora (Shields) Stafford. They preceded him in death.

He married Annabelle Donaldson on April 21, 1946, in Auburn. She died June 5, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rick of Goshen, Reggie and Susanne of Story Lake and Mike and Cindy of Auburn; one daughter, Karen Badman of Kendallville; two brothers, Bob of Auburn and Walter of Fort Wayne; one sister, Ruth Lee of New Haven; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One son, Randy, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at a later date. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Gloria Derrow

LUBBOCK, Texas — Gloria J. Derrow, 57, died Monday, June 30, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She had lived at the Lakeridge Rehab Nursing Home in Lubbock for the past two months.

She was born May 4, 1946, in Auburn to Howard and Pearl (Mercer) Derrow. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Bennie Campbell of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Arlene and Jim Cunningham of Auburn; two grandchildren, Shane Campbell of Auburn and Shawnna Hilkey and her husband, Matt, of Auburn; and two nieces, Suzanne Cunningham of Auburn and Rachel Cunningham of Anderson.

A brother, Richard Derrow, preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Sunday, July 6, 2003

Jessie Valentine

DUNKIRK — Jessie Valentine, 87, died Saturday, July 5, 2003, at Albany Health Care & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Oct. 13, 1915, in Russ, Mo., to Charlie and Hulda Goans.

Valentine, who spent over 40 years in Dunkirk before moving to Albany, retired in 1975 from Kerr Glass, now St. Gobain, where she worked for over 30 years.

Surviving are a son, Don Valentine from Albany; two daughters, Sue Habig of Auburn and Betty Edwards of Bloomfield; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-granchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Jearld Lee Valentine, four brothers, and seven sisters.

Private family services will be conducted with burial following at Strong Cemetery in Albany.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Delaware County, Little Red Door, 401 W. Jackson St., Muncie, IN 47305.

Condolences may be e-mailed to ParsonRust@aol.com

Arrangements are by Parson-Rust Funeral Home.

June DeVolder

ANGOLA — June A. DeVolder, 84, died Saturday, July 5, 2003, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born Feb. 22, 1919, in Rural Steuben County to Clyde and Flossie (Salander) Pocock.

She married Donald DeVolder on Aug. 25, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Mrs. DeVolder was a homemaker, mom and loan officer for the Elkhart Bank. She was a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church and the Nevada Mills Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Joe DeVolder of Elmira and Martin DeVolder of Kingsley, Mich.; two daughters, Marie Nichols of Angola and Suzanne Ratcliff of Mineral Wells, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; one daughter, Judith K. Nutt; two brothers, Carl and Louie Pocock; two sisters, Fern Roose and Cleo Dannenburg.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Memorials are to Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Lyndon Schwartz

GOSHEN — Infant Lyndon Jay Schwartz, died Friday, July 4, 2003, at Goshen General Hospital.

He was the son of Steven J. and Marla R. (Wingard) Schwartz of Goshen.

His grandparents are David and Velda Wingard of Shipshewana and David and Mary Lou Schwartz of Goshen.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at the graveside followed by burial at South East Clinton Cemetery in Goshen. Officiating will be Bishop Perry Miller of the Old Order Amish Church.

Pallbearers will be the infant's uncles, Jerry Schwartz and Lamar Wingard.

Coralie Miller

AVILLA — Coralie M. Miller, 58, died Friday, July 4, 2003, at 5:05 p.m. at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had lived in the area for three years, coming from Bloomington, Ill.

Miller was born Aug. 13, 1944, in Bloomington, Ill., to Howard M. and Nellie R. (Byrd) Pearson. She married Gary W. Miller on May 29, 1965, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bloomington.

A homemaker, Miller was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bloomington, a member of the American Legion Post 281 Ladies Auxiliary in Bloomington, and a member of Emblem Club of the Elks Lodge 281 in Bloomington. She enjoyed ceramics, bowling, and horseback riding.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Anthony Robert Miller of Bloomington; one brother, H. Robert Pearson of Bloomington; one granddaughter, Taylor Anonette Miller of Bloomington.

Services will be at a later date; no visitation or local services have been scheduled.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, July 3, 2003

Friday, July 4, 2003

Saturday, July 5, 2003

No Deaths Listed

Maynard McLarren

AUBURN — Maynard F. "Mac" McLarren, 70, died Thursday, July 3, 2003, at his home.

Mr. McLarren worked as a laborer for International Harvester for 21 years. He was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church in rural Auburn. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in Korea.

He was born July 10, 1932, in Philipsburg, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Theressa O. McLarren; two sons, Vance McLarren of Cincinnati, and Brian McLarren of Auburn; a brother, Kermit McLarren of Pennsylvania; a sister, Vivian McGee of Philipsburg, Pa.; and three grandchildren, Qwinn McLarren of Auburn and Connor and Chandler McLarren, both of Cincinnati.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 10 brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, with calling from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to Hopewell United Brethren Church missions and Youth For Christ.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Roy Collins

FORT WAYNE — Roy Calvin Collins, 85, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003, in Regency Place Nursing Home.

Mr. Collins moved from Arizona to Angola in 1949. He had a career in sales for Weatherhead Co., retiring after 26 years in 1974.

Mr. Collins

He had lived in Frankfort, Ky., since the late 1970s until illness brought him back to Indiana in June 2003.

He was born Nov. 11, 1917, in Winchester to Alva Lee Collins and Nellie Blanche (Freeman) Collins.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia Louise and Howard Thomas of Auburn, Catherine Sue and Christopher Mecke of Ivins, Utah, and Carol Jean Klein of Hudson, Fla.; a sister, Treva May Lykins of Bonita Springs, Fla.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Percy, Richard, Robert and Ervin; his first wife, Catherine Eva Edwards, in 1976; his second wife, Charlotte Anne Kinney, in 1994; two sons, Max Robert "Sunny" Scott Collins and Roy Calvin Collins Jr.; and a stepdaughter, Shirley Anne Scott Weaver.

A private family celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Sunset Memory Gardens in Frankfort, Ky. The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Howard S. Grimm Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Howard S. Grimm Jr., 76, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, June 21, 2003, at his residence.

He was born April 20, 1927, in Auburn, the son of Howard S. Grimm and Mary Louise Grimm.

An attorney in northeast Indiana for 48 years and a retired public defender of LaGrange County, he obtained his bachelor of science and juris doctorate from Indiana University. He was a member of the Indiana Bar Association and former member of the Allen County Bar Association.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca A. Overton-Grimm; son, Marc R. Grimm of Bel Aire, Md.; daughter, Adrienne Housman of Woodburn; stepdaughter, Whitney C. Redden of Fort Wayne; stepsons, Patrick G. Redden, Chad A. Redden, and Christopher T. Redden, all of Fort Wayne; brothers, Lloyd R. Grimm of Columbus, and John C. Grimm and James L. Grimm, both of Auburn; four grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Edgar Grimm; and his sister, Helen J. Grimm-Norment.

A celebration of life service will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Sears Pavilion, 1701 Bluffton Road, where family will receive friends with a reception following the service.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Sears Pavilion. Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc.

Arrangements by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

Howard Moody

KENDALLVILLE — Howard D.C. Moody, 45, died Saturday, June 28, 2003, at 11 a.m. at his home in Kendallville.

Mr. Moody was a carpenter and construction worker. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born April 21, 1957, in Columbus, Ga.

Surviving are his father, Gerald Moody of Butler; his mother, C. Tabitha Ward Tinkle of Floresant, Colo.; two brothers, Richard of Sharing Springs, Mo., and Mark of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three half-brothers, Thomas and Joseph, both of Butler, and Benjamin of Kankakee, Ill.; four sisters, Janet Pease of South Bend, Roxanne Human of Nampa, Idaho, and Tamara Malzone and Arcie Moody, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and three half-sisters, Rachel Moody of Fort Wayne, and Deborah and Diana Moody, both of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Anthony.

Services will be today at 5 p.m. in the Butler Nazarene Church, with calling after 4 p.m. The Rev. Paul Patton will officiate.

Joyce Bill

ANGOLA — Joyce G. (Bridgman) Bill, 61, died Monday, June 23, 2003.

Mrs. Bill was born in Toledo, Ohio, on April 14, 1942, to Joseph G. and Elfrieda (Hemp) Bridgman. She married Anthony "Tony" C. Bill on Dec. 27, 1964, in Toledo. He survives.

She taught school in Oregon at Starr Elementary School from 1964-67, and had worked as a long distance telephone operator for AT&T in Toledo for 17 years. She previously attended Martin Luther Lutheran Church in East Toledo. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers Retiree Group and the Communication Workers of America. She enjoyed reading and gardening.

She is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael J. and Kristin and Andrew J. Bill, all of Toledo; grandchildren, Giselle, Phlegar, Kyrie, Alexandra, Aislinn and Nathaniel Bill; and a brother, Jerry Bridgman of Toledo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister, Mary Ann Bridgman.

Services were held June 30 in Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville, Ohio. Burial was in Woodville Township Cemetery.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association or Telephone Pioneers Retirement Group, 121 N. Hudson St., Toledo, OH 43604.

Arrangements were by Brossia-Marsh Funeral Home, Woodville.

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

LaVonne Johnson

AVILLA — LaVonne C. Johnson, 88, died Saturday, July 5, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born in Peru and was a data processor with Lincoln National Life for 37 years.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene Johnson, of Avilla; a son, Robert Johnson, of LaOtto; two daughters, Peggy Schaefer of Auburn and Bonnie Miller of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Robert Johnson

INDIAN RIVER, Mich. — Robert W. Johnson, 78, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at the Hospice House in Cheboygan, Mich.

Mr. Johnson was a district manager for General Motors in Milwaukee, Wis. He owned and operated a new-car dealership in Walworth, Wis.

He retired in 1984 and he and his wife moved to Mullett Township in Michigan, where they have lived since. He enjoyed boating and collecting.

He was born Dec. 20, 1924, in Chicago to Gustave and Mildred (Nitz) Johnson.

He grew up in the Berwin and Riverside areas of Illinois and graduated from Riverside High School in 1942. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Air Force.

On Sept. 30, 1950, he married Marlou Nitz in Chicago, where the couple made their home for a time. They also resided in Rockford, Ill., Arlington Heights, Ill., Brookfield, Wis., Walworth, Wis. and Auburn.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Britta Johnson of Dublin, Ohio; and a sister, Doris Mayes of Fallbrook, Calif.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Lintz Funeral Home in Indian River. The Rev. Gary Step of the Indian River United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will be in Oakhill Cemetery at Indian River.

Calling is Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Little Traverse Conservancy or Hospice of the Straits. Envelopes for those purposes may be mailed to Lintz Funeral Home, 6038 Prospect St., Indian River, MI 49749.

David Martin

ASHLEY — David A. Martin, 34, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at Ashley.

Mr. Martin worked for Caudill Salvage at Flint, Ind.

He was born July 9, 1968, in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Anna (Blodgett) and Richard Lepley of Ashley; a stepdaughter and her husband, Chris and James Russell of Angola; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Steve and Toledo Martin of Hudson and Michael Martin of Blanchard, Mich.; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Amy and Bill Engler of Cadillac, Mich., Valerie and Charles Hine Jr. of Ashley, Andrea and Dave Goble of Auburn, Emily and Cory Trobaugh of Lafayette, N.C., and Cheryl and Lester Tatro of Carlton, Mich.; his grandparents, Stella Hough of Barryton, Mich., Ocie Martin of Rosebush, Mich., and Dwayne and Helen Lepley of Ashley; and two stepgrandchildren, Zachary and Rachel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen A. Martin; and grandfathers, Harold Martin and Elmo Blodgett.

Services will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne, Waterloo. The Rev. Ken Ludwig will officiate. Burial will be in Gilmore Township Cemetery in Farwell, Mich.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Lester McCartney

GARRETT — Lester R. McCartney, 79, died Monday, July 7, 2003, at 1:50 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. McCartney taught in the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school district for 30 years, retiring in 1986. He resided in Garrett for 40 years and was a member of the Church of Christ in Auburn.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born March 21, 1924, in Nashville, Tenn., to W.D. and Alma McCartney. They preceded him in death.

He married Christine C. Mackey on June 1, 1948, in Arkansas. She died in November 1982.

Surviving are two daughters, Christine C. McCartney of Garrett and Shirley Griffin of Marysville, Ohio; a son, James W. McCartney of Riverview, Mich.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William P. McCartney.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Toby Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside services by Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Calling is Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Midwestern Children's Home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Betsy Watson

AUBURN — Betsy A. Watson, 66, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Watson was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 3, 1936, in Ohio to Avery and Laura (Byers) Clark. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Mack Watson on Nov. 3, 1953, in Garrett. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Steven Watson of Auburn and Tony Watson of Richmond, Ky.; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Steven Thimlar of Butler; a brother, Charles Clark of Paulding, Ohio; a sister, Edna Mae Cooley of Bryan, Ohio; four grandchildren, Tiffany Eustace, Jeremy Thimlar, Ailsa Lehner and Leah Watson; and four great-grandchildren, MaKayla Eustace, Trevor and Tyler Eustace and Zane Lehner.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kevin Watson; a daughter, Christine Watson; and three brothers, Albert, Dude and Sam Clark.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

John Garns

FORT WAYNE — John D.M. Garns, 70, died Saturday, July 5, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garns was a sales manager with Sechler & Sons and a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

He was born April 22, 1933, in Auburn.

After college at Michigan State University and fulfilling his Reserve Officer Training Corps obligation at Fort Knox, Ky., he returned to Auburn to join his father in the family business, where he remained until it burned down in 1978.

He worked in sales for F. McConnell & Son and later for Ralph Sechler & Sons. He was working for Nabisco when he became ill.

Surviving are his wife, Helen, of Fort Wayne; two sons, Dave and Todd M. Garns, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Joan Koehl of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

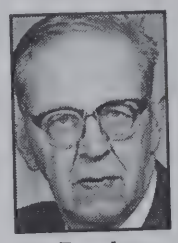
Services were today at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church or Elizabeth House of Prayer.

V. Hubert Provines

AUBURN — V. Hubert Provines, 87, of Auburn, died Monday, July 7, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home, where he had resided for three months.

Mr. Provines was a mechanic and heavy equipment operator for the City of Auburn, retiring in 1980. He was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows lodge.



Mr. Provines

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1934-1938. He then served as a sergeant in the Army Air Force during World War II.

He was born Oct. 9, 1915, in Auburn to Kent and Ruth (Draggoo) Provines. They preceded him in death.

He married Dorothy L. Maurer on June 12, 1943, in St. Joe. She died in 1970.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharon Provines of Arnold, Md., Linda and Ronald Clingan of Hudson and Dianne and Bill Lees of Auburn; four grandchildren, Bradley Clingan and his wife, Jenny, of Garrett, Jonathan Clingan of Albuquerque, N.M., and Justin Lees and Brianne Lees, both of Auburn; a great-grandson, Reece Bradley Clingan; and two sisters, Eleanor Smith of Garrett and June Deihl of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanne Provines, in 1991; a sister, Jean Surface, in 2001; and a brother, Bruce Provines, in 1997.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Edward Hughes will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Rita Meyer

FORT WAYNE — Rita K. Meyer, 74, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in Ossian.

She was a native of Tipton and retired in 1997 as a medical technician with Parkview Hospital. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Surviving are five sons, Michael and Gregg Meyer, both of Fort Wayne, Dennis Meyer of Ossian, Dan Meyer of Ashley and Ron Meyer of Tennessee; two daughters, Deborah Wilson and Renee Perkins, both of Ossian; two brothers, Andrew Ripberger of Indianapolis and Richard Ripberger of Fowler; three sisters, Theresa Thieme of Kendallville, Regina Imbody of Waynedale in Fort Wayne and Betty Solis of Reno, Nev.; a half-sister, Mary Helen Percell of Greenville, Miss.; 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph E. Ripberger, and two sisters, Joan Mullins and Sister Rosella Ripberger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling also will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with rosary service at 3 p.m. Friday.

Barry Longardner

SPENCERVILLE — Barry Lynn Longardner, 43, died Tuesday morning, July 8, 2003, at his home in Spencerville.

Mr. Longardner worked in construction for Tower Erection & Maintenance of Spencerville. He was a member of Sons of American Legion Post 409 at Leo-Cedarville.

He was born Sept. 15, 1959, in Fort Wayne to Cornelius and Gloria (Hutson) Longardner. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are his former wife, Sheryl Longardner of New Haven; three sons, Justin, Ryan and Taylor Longardner, all of New Haven; one daughter, Holly Longardner of New Haven; a brother, Brian Longardner of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Kathy Jones of Butler.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville. Pastor Paul Row and Jerry Amstutz will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Iver Brecht

FORT WAYNE — Iver Irwin Brecht, 86, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at The Towne House Retirement Community in Fort Wayne, where he had been residing.

Mr. Brecht and his wife had moved to Fort Wayne in the fall of 2002. They were former residents of Muscatine, Iowa.

He had worked for Grain Processing Corp., retiring as vice president of transportation after 35 years of service.

He was a 1934 graduate of Newhall High School and a 1938 graduate of the University of Iowa.

He was a member of St. Mathias Church, which he served as a trustee. He joined the Order of Knights of Columbus in 1945 and became a Fourth Degree Knight in 1959, serving in several other offices.

A Muscatine city alderman from 1953-54, he was a member of Elks Lodge 304. He served as president of the Tri-City Traffic Club, was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1948, and was a member of the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce from 1950-53. He served with several professional and transportation organizations.

He was a proud grandfather of three Eagle Scouts.

He was born Oct. 4, 1916, in Quasqueton, Iowa, to Edgar Patrick Brecht and Elma Ellen Weichman Brecht. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Carolyn Bissell on June 9, 1945, in Ottumwa, Iowa. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Susan and Roger Souder of Auburn; Bonita and James Delehoy of Anaheim, Calif., Mary Lynn and Brian Gaffney of Burnsville, Minn., Kathryn Palmer of Orlando, Fla., and Teresa Brecht of Muscatine; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Carol Brecht of Moline, Ill., and Richard and Elizabeth Brecht of Clive, Iowa; 16 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren; and one sister, Virginia Brecht of Muscatine.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mathias Church, 215 W. Eighth St., Muscatine, Iowa. The Rev. John P. Gallagher will officiate. Entombment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum of Muscatine.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. at the Ralph J. Wittich-Riley-Freers Funeral Home, with a rosary service led by the Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Knights of Columbus, Laurent Council 1305.

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Rita Meyer

FORT WAYNE — Rita K. Meyer, 74, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in Ossian.

Mrs. Meyer was born in Tipton. She was a medical technician with Parkview Memorial Hospital. She retired in 1997.

She was a member of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Surviving are five sons, Michael D. Meyer of Fort Wayne, Dennis S. Meyer of Ossian, Gregg A. Meyer of Fort Wayne, Dan R. Meyer of Ashley and Ronald J. Meyer of Tennessee; two daughters, Deborah J. Wilson and Renee M. Perkins, both of Ossian; two brothers, Andrew P. Ripberger of Indianapolis and Richard Ripberger of Fowler; three sisters, Theresa A. Thieme of Kendallville, Regina R. Imbody of Waynedale and Betty L. Solis of Reno, Nev.; a half-sister, Mary Helen Percell of Greenville, Miss.; 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph, and two sisters, Sister Rosella Ripberger and Joan A. Mullins.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Calling will be one hour prior to services, and from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or St. Joseph Center in Tipton.

Maurice Stafford

WATERLOO — A memorial service for Maurice E. "Gene" Stafford, 77, will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. in Victory Baptist Church of Waterloo.

Mike Sassanella will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Mr. Stafford died Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He worked as a printer for Waterloo Printing. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the Waterloo Lions Club, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the DeKalb County Merit Board and the Masonic Lodge.

He was born Aug. 8, 1925, in Auburn to Frank and Dora (Shields) Stafford. They preceded him in death.

He married Annabelle Donaldson on April 21, 1946, in Auburn. She died June 5, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rick of Goshen, Reggie and Susanne of Story Lake and Mike and Cindy of Auburn; one daughter, Karen Badman of Kendallville; two brothers, Bob of Auburn and Walter of Fort Wayne; one sister, Ruth Lee of New Haven; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One son, Randy, preceded him in death.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dr. Eugene Alter

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Eugene Alter, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, June 21, 2003, at Parkview North Hospital.

Dr. Alter recently retired from his dental practice in Fort Wayne and Angola after 36 years. He was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church and the Isaac Knapp Dental Society.

He was a 1967 graduate of the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

Surviving are his wife, Carole; four daughters, Susan Swain of Evansville, Meg Dierkes of Cleveland, Molly Groom Alter of Chicago and Heather Shie of Fort Wayne; two sons, Steve Call of Fort Wayne and Doug Call of Naples, Fla.; two sisters, Judy David of Angola and Janet Landrum of Auburn; a brother, James Alter of Hudson; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held June 24 at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Sharon Rowe

GARRETT — Sharon M. Rowe, 62, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at 10 p.m. at her home in Garrett.

Mrs. Rowe was a homemaker. She was a member of Garrett Eagles 1357 and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 8, 1940, in Corunna to Charles and Marie (Dellenback) Roush.

She married Wayne E. "Butch" Rowe on Dec. 8, 1959, in Coldwater, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeffrey "Rocky" Rowe, Willis C. Rowe and Todd A. Rowe, all of Garrett; two daughters, Tina M. Custer and Reere Y. Rowe, both of Garrett; one sister, Betty Smurr of Garrett; and six grandchildren, Logan and Licolen Rowe, Jemeiah and Nichles Whitacre, Neaka Brager and Hunter Maire Alexis Rowe.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Roush, and a sister, Bonnie Jamison.

There will be no services or calling. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Friday, July 11, 2003

Lloyd Zent

FORT WAYNE — Lloyd R. Zent, 70, died Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Zent was a welder at Fruehauf Corp. 25 years. He was a member of Eagles 248, AMVETS and Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie; five sons, Mark Gibson of Auburn and Vincent Gibson, Michael Zent, Dale Zent and Jesse Zent, all of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Vickie Hernandez, Tammie Uhrick, Terri Lahmeyer and Patti Churchill, all of Fort Wayne, and Karen Lewis of Muncie; six sisters, Margie Dennie, Betty Mills, Ruth Ballinger and Juanita Gillenwater, all of Fort Wayne, and Rosie Dawson and Donna Dawson, both of Ossian; two brothers, Walter Zent of Fort Wayne and Jim Zent of Arizona; four half-brothers, Larry Zent of Fort Wayne, Dale Zent, Allen Zent and Chris Zent, all of New Haven; five half-sisters, Beveryly Larson of Roosterville, Ohio, and Sally Struff, Althea Hedges, Robin Zent and Sandy Zent, all of Fort Wayne; his stepmother, Betty Zent of New Haven; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Saturday, July 12, 2003

Inez Drummer

AUBURN — Inez M. Drummer, 88, died Thursday, July 10, 2003, at 9:05 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Drummer was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church, a 25-year volunteer for the American Red Cross and a volunteer for the Republican Party.

She was born Aug. 1, 1914, in Continental, Ohio, to Otto and Grace (Sullivan) Budd.

Her husband, Henry J. Drummer, died in 1989.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas Drummer of Auburn, Patrick Drummer of New Haven and Richard Drummer of Oberland, Kan.; a sister and brother-in-law, Rowena and Carl Winners of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Budd of Canistota, S.D.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church. The Rev. Tom Shoemaker will officiate. Interment will be in the Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Michael Blunt

AUBURN — Michael D. Blunt, 40, died Thursday, July 10, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Blunt was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 15, 1962, in San Diego, Calif., to Lloyd and Martha (Warner) Blunt. They preceded him in death.

He married Margaret (Toppe) Blunt on Aug. 31, 1983 in Knoxville, Tenn. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Roi Phillips of Auburn; four stepdaughters and their spouses, Dorothy and Charles Vanderpool of Auburn, Colleen Brown of Anderson, Donna and Tom Painter of Middletown and Norma Sanders of Anderson; one brother, Lloyd Blunt Jr.; three sisters, Martha Ladema Griffith and Andrea Merida, both of Corbin, Ky., and Jeanine Shelton of Alexander, N.C.; five stepgrandchildren, David and Robert Vanderpool, Derek and Roy Phillips and Destony Sanders; and several other stepgrandchildren, stepgreat-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Liver Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ilif Behrens

HOWE — Ilif K. Behrens, 93, of Howe, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at 10 p.m. in Elkhart.

Mrs. Behrens was a home economics teacher at Mishawaka Schools. She moved to LaGrange County in 1992. She was a member of the National Education Association and the Indiana State Teacher's Association.

She was born Jan. 4, 1910, in Garrett, to Harry and Bertha (Olinger) Deihl.

She married William J. Behrens in Auburn on Sept. 10, 1938, and he preceded her in death on June 7, 2000.

Surviving are two nieces whom she raised, Beth Pomeroy of Elkhart and Sue Pomeroy Roberts of Mishawaka; a sister, Lois Yarde of Avilla; 12 nieces and nephews, 33 great-nieces and nephews, and 36 great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Fruirip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Venette Kashner officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to Hospice of Elkhart County.

George Renner

LAKELAND, Fla. — George R. Renner, 81, died Thursday, July 10, 2003, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale, Fla. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been a patient at Good Shepherd for a week.

Mr. Renner was born in DeKalb County on Sept. 23, 1921, to Brace and Mildred (Goodwin) Renner. He spent his formative years in that area, and graduated from Auburn High School in 1939.

As a young man, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was married during that time in Las Vegas to Anita F. Phelps on Nov. 26, 1941. She preceded him in death on Jan. 15, 2002.

Mr. Renner

Following his military discharge, the Renners lived most of their married lives in Fort Wayne, and had moved to Lakeland in 1990.

He was a retired truck driver for General Electric in Fort Wayne, where he was employed for much of his adult life.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Max Gay of Churubusco and Barbara Renner, Martha Renner and Deborah Mirante, all of Lakeland; a son, Robert Renner of Churubusco; three sisters, Rebecca Zuber of Phoenix, Ariz., Martha Warren of New Orleans and Marilyn Phipps of Tucson, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Renner.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Ken Robinson, pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, officiating. Military rites will follow. At the request of the family, there will be no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Good Shepherd Hospice at Grace Health Care, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Sunday, July 13, 2003

Zachary Miller

ANGOLA — Zachary Lee Miller, 7 months old, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at home.

He was born Nov. 19, 2002, in Angola, to Michael and Kathleen (Clute) Miller. Both parents survive.

Also surviving are his maternal grandmother, Kathleen Czarnecki of Charlotte, Mich.; a paternal grandmother, Katherine Courtney of Angola; a brother, Ryan Miller of Angola; and two sisters, Kayla Miller and Bailey Jones, both of Angola.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

Verline Bates

MARION — Verline F. Bates, 74, died Saturday, July 12, 2003, at 9:25 a.m. at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center.

Mrs. Bates retired from RCA after 34 years of service. She attended Lighthouse Assembly of God, and was a member of AMVETS Auxiliary and RCA Sympathy Club.

She loved to fish and enjoyed going to rummage sales with friends. She enjoyed word search puzzles and loved being with her grandchildren. She always helped take care of family and friends when they were sick.

She was born in Pine Bluff, Ark., on March 25, 1929, to Barney and Maudie (Shelton) Townsel. She was raised in Heber Springs, Ark., and moved to Marion in 1946.

She married Junior D. Bates on May 27, 1946, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Freda Mae and Ron Stambaugh of Waterloo and Connie Fae and Don Guthrie of Marion; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Oneil Townsel of Marion; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy Lynette and Guy Mazzo of Fort Worth, Texas; three grandchildren, Frances Dean Compo of Gas City, Leslie Kay Lewis of Marion and Leslie Kay Lewis of Marion; five great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis Townsel; a sister, Tresa Turney; and a grandson, Timothy Darrell Stambaugh.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Rev. Jerry Gallaway officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Esther Miller

LAGRANGE — Esther Miller, 80, died Saturday, July 12, 2003, at 12:50 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a laborer at Duo-Therm Corp. in LaGrange for 28 years. She was a member of her church's sewing circle and card-playing club. She loved gardening.

She was born Sept. 11, 1922, in Wakarusa, to Austin and Ida (Nunemaker) Newcomer.

She married Oscar N. Miller on May 24, 1942, in LaGrange, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Ernie Schrock of Angola; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Ann Miller of Middlebury, Jerald and Teresa Miller of LaGrange and JayDee Miller of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Ruth Newcomer of Wakarusa; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Egar and Dwight Newcomer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman and the Rev. Paul L. Newcomer officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Fruirip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to American Lung Association or Emma Mennonite Church.

Sunday, July 13, 2003

Jacob Kell

HUNTERTOWN — Jacob F. Kell, 99, a well-known Allen County businessman, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since May.

Mr. Kell

Mr. Kell was born March 16, 1904, in Perry Township in Allen County, to Frederick Jacob Kell and Florence Bessie (Fitch) Kell.

He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1924. He spent his entire lifetime on the same family farm in rural Huntertown where he was born.

As a young man, he was engaged in farming in Allen County, and in 1944 co-founded a successful well drilling business. Along with his son, he operated Kell Drilling Inc. (Kell & Kell) in Huntertown for many years, retiring in 1978.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM, the Indiana Ground Water Association, and the National Ground Water Association.

He was married in Fort Wayne on Nov. 15, 1930, to Elsie C. Alden. She preceded him in death on May 1, 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, J. Frederick and Eula Kell of Huntertown; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Russell Lyon of Huntertown; nine grandchildren and spouses, Diane and Paul Barnes of Greveport, Ohio, Alan and Diane Lyon of Greenwood, Perry and Denise Lyons, Debi and Lloyd Knowles of Lansing, Mich., Rick and Susan Gulick of Cleveland, Ohio, Lisa and Timothy Pfefferkorn of Augusta, Ga., Lana and Mark Frey of Waterloo and Eric Kell and Nathan Kell, both of Huntertown; and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Victor Kell in 1933; three sisters, Carolyn Davis, Sarah Elizabeth DeBolt and Mary Ellen Arnold; and a brother, Thomas Kell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, with Pastor Sue Socha officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, or at the church Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Rex Nofzinger

CORUNNA — Rex A. Nofzinger, 53, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Nofzinger worked at Dana Corp. for 32 years and two months, retiring in 2000. He had owned and operated Rex Enterprises since 2000.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and was affiliated with the Huntertown United Methodist Church. He loved nature and fishing and collected John Deere Tractors.

Mr. Nofzinger

He was born Dec. 19, 1949, in Fort Wayne, to Walter and Berneda G. (Peck) Nofzinger. His mother survives in Auburn.

He married Roxanna E. Foss in Harlan on April 16, 1977, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin A. and Dawn Nofzinger of Garrett and Sean M. and Jennifer Nofzinger of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Jeffrey Cook of Auburn; a brother, Ronnie D. Nofzinger of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Patricia L. DeLagranger of Hudson and Sharlene S. Seiler of Auburn; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at 1044 C.R. 10, Corunna, with the Rev. Sherry Long officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and also at the funeral site from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial will be in Leo Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Monday, July 14, 2003

Richard Thompson Sr.

AUBURN — Richard W. Thompson Sr., 74, died Saturday, July 12, 2003, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Thompson drove trucks for Interstate Motor Freight System and Wolf Bedding. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in World War II and Korea.

He was born Nov. 3, 1928, in New Haven to Charles and Goldie (Miller) Thompson.

He married Bessie Herendeen on Nov. 30, 1957, in Fort Wayne. She died April 25, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Richard Thompson Jr. of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Russell Brock of Fremont; a brother, Ervin Thompson of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Anna Harding of Florida and Mary Lee of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Blayne and Jeremy Brock.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Thompson, and a sister, Marge Eloph.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Richard Miller

BUTLER — Richard A. Miller, 82, died Sunday, July 13, 2003, at 10:49 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller served as street supervisor for the City of Butler and retired with 34 years of service. He also served in the U.S. Navy from March 1, 1943, to Nov. 8, 1944.

He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, Butler Eagles and the Butler United Methodist Church.

He was born March 3, 1921, in Ashley to Isiah and Rosa (Draper) Miller.

On May 27, 1942, in Marshall, Mich., he married Leona Oberlin. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are five daughters, Suzie Brink of Grand Haven, Mich., Sunnie Heddon of Fort Wayne, Sallie Husted of Rogers, Ark., Sindie Martenies of Hicksville, Ohio, and Sandie Oberlin of Butler; a sister, Martha E. Brown of Fremont; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Treva Bodey

FORT WAYNE — Treva A. Bodey, 95, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at The Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Garrett, Mrs. Bodey was the owner and office manager of H.J. Bodey Inc. for 28 years before retiring in 1974. She was involved in the Quota Club and the Rosary Society and was a member of St. John the Baptist Church.

Surviving are four brothers, John P. Mowry of New Haven, Wayne F. Mowry of Albion, Argyle "George" Mowry of Waterloo and Lionel "Bud" Mowry of Angola; and a sister, Doris "Louise" Rosenberry of Tempe, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry J. Bodey, and two brothers.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 S. Fairfield Ave., with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with a rosary service.

Memorials are to masses or the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Barbara Deetz

AUBURN — Barbara A. Deetz died Tuesday, July 15, 2003.

She was born in Auburn and is survived by her loving children and grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date. D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Wava Robertson

GARRETT — Wava R. Robertson, 89, died Tuesday, July 15, 2003, in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

Mrs. Robertson was a seamstress at Wirk Garment in Ligonier and had worked for the DeKalb County Council on Aging from 1986-1996.

She was born Dec. 1, 1913, in Kendallville to Arthur and Emma (Snyder) Franklin. Her husband, James, died in 1956.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Jones and Richard Jones, both of Fort Wayne, and James Robertson of Garrett; one sister, Elsie Linthicum of Goshen; 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Turner; a son, Arthur Jones; three brothers, Bernard Franklin, James Franklin and Arthur Franklin; and two sisters, Lucille Gage and Patricia McCoy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Richard Miller

BUTLER — Richard A. Miller, 82, died Sunday, July 13, 2003, at 10:49 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller served as street supervisor for the City of Butler and retired with 34 years of service. He was a retired Butler Police officer with more than 20 years of service. He also served in the U.S. Navy from March 1, 1943, to Nov. 8, 1944.

He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, Butler Eagles and the Butler United Methodist Church.

He was born March 3, 1921, in Ashley to Isiah and Rosa (Draper) Miller.

On May 27, 1942, in Marshall, Mich., he married Leona Oberlin. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are five daughters, Suzie Brink of Grand Haven, Mich., Sunnie Heddon of Fort Wayne, Sallie Husted of Rogers, Ark., Sindie Martenies of Hicksville, Ohio, and Sandie Oberlin of Butler; a sister, Martha E. Brown of Fremont; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Robert Rathburn

AUBURN — Robert J. Rathburn, 78, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Rathburn worked as an inspector for Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring after 44 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born July 18, 1924, in Portland, Ind.

He married Ioma Williams Rathburn on April 6, 1946, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jerry Rathburn of Auburn, Larry Rathburn of Roanoke and Gary Rathburn of Kuwait; two sisters, Rosemary Hogg and Leona Hale, both of Portland; and seven grandchildren, Angie, Brad, Kami, Justin, April Jo, Tarra and Gracie Rathburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Rathburn and Jenny Steed; one sister, Leta Steed; and three brothers, Raymond and Louis Rathburn and True Steed.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn. The Auburn post of the American Legion will conduct military graveside services.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Center in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information from the funeral home.

Wava Robertson

GARRETT — Wava R. Robertson, 89, died Tuesday, July 15, 2003, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Robertson was a seamstress at Wirk Garment in Ligonier and had worked for the DeKalb County Council on Aging from 1986-1996.

She was born Dec. 1, 1913, in Kendallville to Arthur and Emma (Snyder) Franklin. Her husband, James, died in 1956.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Jones and Richard Jones, both of Fort Wayne, and James Robertson of Garrett; one sister, Elsie Linthicum of Goshen; 22 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Turner; a son, Arthur Jones; three brothers, Bernard Franklin, James Franklin and Arthur Franklin; and three sisters, Lucille Gage, Patricia McCoy and Mary Gienger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Donald Miller

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. — Donald K. Miller, 81, died Thursday, July 17, 2003, at Mecosta County General Hospital.

Mr. Miller was a 1940 graduate of Auburn High School. He had been employed at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and retired as chief engineer of Ferris State University in Big Rapids after more than 20 years of service.

He enjoyed outdoor activities, hunting, fishing, boating and piloting airplanes. He and his wife also hosted several foreign exchange students in their home.

He was a member of the Lions Club and the First United Methodist Church of Big Rapids.

He was born June 1, 1922, in DeKalb County to Clyde and Mae (Carahan) Miller.

He married Geraldine M. "Geri" Stomm on May 2, 1942 in Hudson. Together, they made their home in both Indiana and Michigan, moving to Big Rapids in 1956. She died May 29, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Karen Miller of Denison, Texas; a grandson, Ryan Miller of Denison, Texas; a sister, Annabelle Campbell of Fremont; three sisters-in-law and their spouses, Helen and Van Ransburg of Hudson, Beverly and Robert Farver of Ashley and LuAnn Miller of Farmington, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; and two foreign exchange students, Timo Haikonen of Finland and Per-Olaf Wasteson of Sweden.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Smith and Helen Weicker, five brothers, Paul Miller, Leon James, Jake Miller, Merle Miller and John Miller, and his parents.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Circle Cemetery of Hudson, with the Rev. John Kabes officiating.

Calling is today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Indiana times) at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home, Big Rapids. A final prayer and blessing will be offered by the Rev. Robert Jones at the conclusion of calling.

Memorials are to Home Hospice of Michigan or St. John's United Church of Christ, Ashley.

William Beaty

FLAGLER BEACH, Fla. — William "Bill" Beaty died Friday, July 4, 2003, at his home.

An Auburn native, Mr. Beaty was born in 1926 to Charles and Lavina (Maginnis) Beaty.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Upon returning from the service, he married Gladys Neufer. She preceded him in death.

For many years, Mr. Beaty owned a marina on Coldwater Lake in Coldwater, Mich. After selling his business, he moved to Flagler Beach, where he met and married his wife, Joan, who survives.

Also surviving are two children, Sandra Jones of Port Orange, Fla. and Marty Beaty of Flagler Beach; two brothers, Charles of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Gene Beaty of Angola; and four grandchildren.

Raymond Murphy

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Raymond "Mike" Murphy, 71, died Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 2:35 a.m., at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

Mr. Murphy graduated from Riverdale High School in St. Joe with the class of 1948. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked at and retired from Dietrich Industries in Hicksville.

He was born June 25, 1931, in St. Joe to LaVon and Vivian (Mason) Murphy.

Surviving are four brothers, Claude of Texas, Richard of Auburn, and Robert and Charles, both of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Coral Martin of Oregon and Grace Overland of Middlebury.

His parents preceded him in death.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

There will be no funeral service.

Memorials are to Richard Murphy.

Betty Jane Stemen

HAMILTON — Betty Jane Stemen, 80, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Hicksville, Ohio.

She had been the co-owner of the Rio Bar in Hamilton for 35 years. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She was born Feb. 14, 1923, in Toledo, Ohio, to Laura (Held) and Bertrum Sharrer.

On Feb. 15, 1941, she married James M. Stemen. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Rudie Reeb of Antwerp, Ohio; a grandson, Jerry Reeb; three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday in Hamilton Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials may be sent to the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, P.O. Box 207, Hamilton, IN 46742.

Jeffery McKee

HARLAN — Jeffery D. McKee, 39, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he had been a shipping supervisor for New Millennium Building Systems since 2000. He was involved with the Grabill Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years and was a member of South Scipio United Brethren Church.

Surviving are his wife, Veronica McKee of Harlan; two daughters, Dana R. McKee of Fort Wayne and Cara Jo McKee at home; a son, Zachery D. McKee at home; a grandson, Wesley Allen Willyard of Fort Wayne; his parents, Robert and Nancy McKee of Harlan; and four sisters, Pam Riechhart of New Haven, Tina Henderson and Mitzi Greuter, both of Harlan, and Roberta Hein of Hamilton.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 18330 S.R. 37, Harlan. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

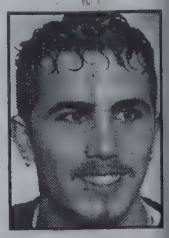
The Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association will conduct a memorial service at 8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grabill Volunteer Fire Department or South Scipio United Brethren Church.

Travis Gayheart

LAGRANGE — Travis A. Gayheart, 18, died at 9:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at U.S. 20 and C.R. 300E as a result of an accident in an all-terrain vehicle.

Mr. Gayheart was an avid deer hunter and fisherman. He used to be on the wrestling team at Lakeland High School and played softball and soccer in the Westedge soccer league during elementary school.



Mr. Gayheart

He was born July 31, 1984, to Bill Jr. and Tammy Gayheart in LaGrange. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Brittany Gayheart of LaGrange; four grandparents, Bill and Ruby Gayheart Sr. of Wolcottville and Howard and Pat Taylor of Howe; three great-grandmothers, Anna Gayheart of Auburn, Louise Russell of Howe and Johnnie Taylor of Turrell, Ark.; an uncle, Stanley Gayheart of White Pigeon, Mich.; and an aunt, Robin Levitz of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at First Church of God in LaGrange. The Rev. David Bell will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Genevieve Thompson

TOPEKA — Genevieve B. Thompson, 76, of 3580W C.R. 600S, Topeka, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

In Porter County, Ind., on April 29, 1927, she was born to Harvey and Beulah (Wygant) Prough. She married Robert B. Thompson in Topeka on Sept. 14, 1946. He survives.

She moved from Goshen to Topeka in 1946 and was a homemaker and member of Topeka United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and John Huckins, Granger, Ind.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Sharla Thompson, and Clifford and Suzanne Thompson, all of Topeka; a brother, Clifford Prough, Goshen; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Lester Prough, preceeded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Topeka United Methodist Church in Topeka with the Rev. Bob Wyman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Topeka United Methodist Church, Topeka.

Memorials are to Westview School Corporation Dollars for Scholars.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Monna Lou Thompson

ROME CITY — Monna Lou Thompson, 70, died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at the Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Sept. 24, 1932, in Goshen, she was born to Demas and Evelyn (Huff) Giant. She married Richard Thompson on Dec. 15, 1951, in Wawaka. He survives.

She worked for Essex Wire for 12 years and then worked at the Rome City School cafteria for 10 years.

Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church and an active member of the Emmaus Community at the church. She was a volunteer at Helping Hands, a member of the American Legion Poct 381 Auxiliary in Rome City, and a member of the V.F.W. Post 2749 Auxiliary in Kendallville.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Laurie Thompson, and Mike Thompson, all of Rome City; a brother, Richard Giant, of Tennessee; and two grandsons, Cody and Brock Thompson, both of Rome City.

A brother and a grandson preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rome City United Methodist Church in Rome City with Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Helping Hands or the Rome City United Methodist Church.

Condolences or to sign the online guest book got to: www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Virginia Owens

KENDALLVILLE — Virginia L. Owens, 90, died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at the Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

On June 12, 1913, in Kendallville, she was born to Laurel and Berniece (Kline) Easterday.

She was retired from McCray Memorial Hospital dietary department after 18 years, and a member of the New Hope Christian Church, Waterloo.

Surviving are: two brothers, James and Robert Easterday, both of Kendallville; two sisters, Mae Hubartt, of Warren, Ind., and Frances Gillespie, of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Natalie Gutierrez Heron, and Trina Amburgey, both of Kendallville; three grandsons, John Fracaro and Dwight Miller, both of Kendallville, and Stephen Brady, of Waterloo; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Owens

A son, three daughters, a brother, Laurel Easterday, and three sisters, Betty Johoski, Donnabelle Parent and Georgianna Easterday, preceeded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial at Lake View Cemetery. Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Condolences and to sign the online guest book go to: www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Walter Maloney

ALBION — Walter E. Maloney, 84, of Albion, died at 8:36 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2003, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

On Aug. 13, 1918, in Albion, he was born to Edwin M. and Lera (Shew) Maloney. He married Fay Wilson on Sept. 8, 1978. She survives.

Mr. Maloney

He was a lifetime Albion resident and executive vice president of Albion National Bank from 1940 to 1984.

Mr. Maloney was salutatorian of the Albion High School class of 1936, and a 1940 graduate with distinction of Manchester College.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion, Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, a Prayer Breakfast leader for 20 years, church treasurer for 10 years and a former member of Albion Rotary Club.

He enjoyed traveling, bird watching and was a diehard "Cubbie" fan.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter and step-son-in-law, Carla and Bret Frymier, of Albion; a stepson, Walter W. Wilson, of Kendallville; and seven stepgrandchildren.

A stepdaughter, Lisa Stahlhut, preceeded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Albion Trinity Memorial Fund.

Donald Sharp

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Donald L. Sharp, 77, a native of Auburn, died Saturday, July 12, 2003, in Sun City.

A truck driver for S&S Oil Co. of Auburn for 32 years, he retired April 29, 1988. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 97. He also was a skilled carpenter.

Mr. Sharp was born April 25, 1926, to Emmett M. and Erma P. (Larkin) Sharp.

He married Bonnie L. Refner on May 10, 1947, in Auburn. She preceded him in death March 19, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Cindy Hudec of Peoria, Ariz., and Alaina Ring of Auburn; a brother, Alvin L. Sharp of Montrose, Colo.; two sisters, Wanetta Nelson and Sandra Sue, both of Auburn; three grandchildren, Chad and Ryan Carper and Matt Ring; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Doris Strock.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Care Services & Residence, 12740 N. Plaza del Rio Blvd., Peoria, AZ 85381.

Zalmon 'Bud' Smith

WATERLOO — Zalmon "Bud" Smith, 78, died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn, where he had resided for 19 years.

Mr. Smith owned and operated Bud's Popcorn Stand in Waterloo for 27 years and worked at RISE Inc. in Angola from 1980 until retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and had attended the speech and hearing center at Indiana University for three years. His hobbies were boating and listening to and watching sports.

He was born Aug. 30, 1924, in Waterloo to Charles L. and Lydia (Wines) Smith. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Charles "Chuck" Smith of Indianapolis; a sister, Margaret Smith of Hamilton; two nieces, two great-nieces and three great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the church or RISE Inc.

Judith High

LITHIA SPRINGS, Ga. — Judith Mae High, 61, died Sunday, July 20, 2003.

She was born Nov. 12, 1941, in Butler, to Vernon and Helen Whitman.

Mrs. High was preceded in death by her father.

Surviving are her husband, Tom High; three daughters, Melody High of Villa Rica, Ga., Misty Thomas and Tiana Suddeth of Lithia Springs, Ga.; her mother, Helen Whitman; three brothers, Terry Whitman, Jimmy Whitman and Hank Ochoa, all of Indiana; six sisters, Janet Matson, Kim Topp, Mary Lou Scott, Rosemary Spunhour, Katie Whitman and Mary Helen Perez, all of Indiana; and 9 grandchildren, Matthew Fowler, Casey Holland, Dusty Fowler, Tracy Thomas, Russell Thomas, Heather Landers, Jacob Thomas, Michael Thomas and Adriana Suddeth.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at the Roy Davis Funeral Home Chapel in Austell, Ga. Burial was in Melrose Hill Memorial Park.

This obituary is being republished with additional information about the family.

Donald Sharp

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Donald L. Sharp, 77, a native of Auburn, died Saturday, July 12, 2003, in Sun City.

A truck driver for S&S Oil Co. of Auburn for 32 years, he retired April 29, 1988. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 97. He also was a skilled carpenter.

Mr. Sharp was born April 25, 1926, to Emmett M. and Erma P. (Larkin) Sharp.

He married Bonnie L. Refner on May 10, 1947, in Auburn. She preceded him in death March 19, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Dan Hudec of Peoria, Ariz., and Alaina and Rick Ring of Auburn; a brother, Alvin L. Sharp of Montrose, Colo.; two sisters, Wanetta Nelson and Sandra Sue, both of Auburn; three grandchildren, Chad and Ryan Carper and Matt Ring; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Doris Strock.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Care Services & Residence, 12740 N. Plaza del Rio Blvd., Peoria, AZ 85381.

David Franze

FORT WAYNE — David F. Franze, 46, died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a project manager and estimator for Morris Sheet Metal Co. He was a member of the Good Hope Catholic Church and a 23-year member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 20.

Surviving are his wife, Jackie; a daughter, Amber Franze, at home; a son, Ben Franze, at home; his mother, Marge Turpchimoff of Fort Wayne; his father and step-mother, Frank and Donna Franze of Auburn; one sister, Barb O'Neill of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Gary Franze of Fort Wayne.

Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, with visitation one hour prior to the services. Calling is from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with a Rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Fort Wayne Children's Zoo-African Veldt.

Jimmie Owen

GARRETT — Jimmie B. Owen, 63, died at 4:43 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a repairman at International Harvester, Fort Wayne, for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He served three years in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Garrett Eagles, Elks and American Legion.

Mr. Owen was born June 10, 1940, in Garrett to Harold W. "Buck" Owen and Ruth "Honey" Baker Owen. He married Martha E. Swank Sept. 7, 1963, in Garrett.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David Owen, Garrett, and Chris and Ann Owen, Waterloo; a sister, Linda Helbert, Garrett; and four grandchildren, Nick Owen and Kate Owen, both of Waterloo, and Ashely Owen and Amber Owen, both of Troy, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Bonnie Parvu.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, the Rev. John A. Scott officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Steven Greenfield

AUBURN — Steven C. "Greeny" Greenfield, 45, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greenfield was employed at Richards Restaurant in Auburn 14 years. He was a member of the Dale Earnhart Jr. Fan Club.

He was born April 3, 1958, in Garrett.

Surviving are his mother, Shirley (Harnish) Greenfield, Garrett; his father and stepmother, Jerry and Patricia Greenfield of Waterford, Mich.; a brother, Jeffrey Greenfield, Auburn; two sisters, Carole Ragsdale of Clarksville, Tenn., and Shelley Smith of Corunna; his beloved cat, Jewel; 14 nieces, Angie, Brandi, Kristin, Destiny, Rachel, Kelly, Morgan, Myah, Faith, Crystal, Roxanne, Shayla, Hannah and Brooklyn; and seven nephews, Jeff, Brent, Damion, Louie, Shannon, Isiah and Joshua.

One nephew, Josh, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Audrey Johnson

AUBURN — Audrey Ann Johnson, 88, died Monday, July 21, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

A former Auburn resident, she graduated from Antwerp (Ohio) High School in 1933 and attended Bowling Green State University. She taught fourth grade at Antwerp for 17 years.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Antwerp and was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star, Hope Chapter, in June 1936.

She married Dale Johnson on June 2, 1946. He preceded her in death in 1984. Together they traveled the eastern U.S. and Europe in 1970. In the last few years, she participated in group tours to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, and the Canadian Maritimes.

Surviving are four nephews, Robert Bashore of Bowling Green, Ohio; Bruce Bashore of Merrill, Wisc.; Barry Bashore of Maumee, Ohio; and E. Ward Smith of New York City.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie Bashore, and a brother, M. Cooper Smith.

There will be no calling or service. Her ashes are being taken to England, a country which held a life-long fascination for her.

Arrangements were by the Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, Ohio.

Joseph Miller

AUBURN — Joseph C. Miller, 73, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller worked for Hendrickson Tandem in Butler as a supervisor for 27 years. He also worked for Indiana Decorative Products in Waterloo for five years, also as a supervisor, and retired from there in 1995.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 202 in Butler.

He was born Sept. 15, 1929, in Butler, to Robert and Ethel (Harris) Miller.

He married Helen Miller on July 23, 1955, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Miller Jr. and Marlene Miller of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Brian Koski of Fremont; one stepson and his wife, Robert and Louise Dorsey of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter and her husband, Elsie and Duane Huff of Butler; one brother, Alger Miller of Butler; three sisters, Joyce Gump of Butler and Retta Bowdick and Redith Goebel, both of Edgerton, Ohio; three grandchildren, Brad, Shannon and Stephanie Dangler; one great-grandchild, Drake Dangler; 14 stepgrandchildren, one stepgreat-grandchild and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Kerrie; and three brothers, Robert, Doyle and Charles Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dan Eckart officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with graveside services by American Legion Post 202.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynenet.net.

Margaret Magonia

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — Margaret (Browning) Magonia, 86, died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at 2:14 a.m. in Pine Bluff.

She was born April 14, 1917, in Pine Bluff.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles and Diane Browning of Middlebury, James and Phyllis Browning of Frazier Park, Calif., and David and Beth Browning of Pine Bluff; four daughters, Joann Browning of Lancaster, Calif., Lynn Browning and Ann Browning, both of Pine Bluff, and Claudia Jean Grandstafi of Lancaster, Calif.; three grandchildren, Tammi Van Dyke and her husband, Chesney, of Butler, David Browning Jr. of Pine Bluff, and Jessica Browning of Lancaster, Calif.; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Charles Browning.

Services are pending in Pine Bluff. Burial will be in a family plot in West Virginia.

Dixie Haberkorn

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Dixie Avolene Haberkorn, 70, died July 17, 2003, at her home in Winter Park.

Mrs. Haberkorn was born Jan. 16, 1933. She was a member of All Saints Lutheran Church in Phoenix and worked for the State of Arizona, Paradise Valley School District, and Moon Valley Country Club.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Haberkorn of Winter Park, former publisher of the Saint Joe News and pianist with Bob Snowball and the Snowflakes dance band of Fort Wayne. The couple were married January 16, 2002.

Also surviving are stepsons Philip of Auburn, David of Fort Wayne, and Mark of Winter Park; a daughter and son, JoRita and Mark Pedersen of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren, one brother, and three sisters.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in All Saints Lutheran Church at Phoenix.

Memorials are to All Saints Lutheran Church Music Ministry, 15649 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85022.

Ella Nordlin

FORT WAYNE — Ella J. Nordlin, 83, died Monday, July 21, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a private piano teacher and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. Before moving to Fort Wayne, she was very active in music in New Jersey, serving on the board of directors of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, as director of music at Milburn High School and as a teacher at Livingston Middle School, Livingston, N.J. She was a graduate of Oberlin College Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Henry G. Nordlin; a daughter, Linda McCallister of Auburn; two sons, Christian Nordlin of Fort Wayne and William Nordlin of Poplar Grove, Ill. six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

William Helmick

GARRETT — William E. Helmick, 91, died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at 10:47 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Helmick had lived in Garrett for 40 years, coming from Pennsylvania, where he worked in coal mines. He retired from County Line Cheese Co. in 1982. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Sept. 30, 1911, in Masontown, Pa. He married Pearl Bowlen, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, William L. Helmick of Garrett and Rick Helmick of Auburn; a daughter, Vivian Lowdermilk of Lamont Furnace, Pa.; 14 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his father, Marshall Helmick; four sisters, and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer

Walter Davis

WATERLOO — Walter L. "Mike" Davis, 76, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Davis retired in 1984 from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, where he had been a semi driver for 29 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of Korea and was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 14, 1927, in Auburn to Russell and Beatrice (Mock) Davis.

He married Loretta Sebert on Oct. 18, 1952, in Angola. She died Nov. 14, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Jerry and Nadine Davis of Waterloo, Michael Davis of Garrett, and Joe Davis of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Beatrice and Steve Printz of Waterloo; a half-sister, Pauline Sanderson of Garrett; 10 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lowell Davis.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Walter Sawvel

ANGOLA — Walter S. Sawvel, 76, died early Thursday, July 24, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Sawvel was a machinist at Challenge-Cook Brothers and had worked as a janitor at the I-69 rest area near Angola.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II, and was a member of the Orland posts of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He was born April 13, 1927, in Hamilton, to Arthur and Virginia (Alabaugh) Sawvel.

On Aug. 22, 1953, he married Ireta Bever. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Sawvel of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Dora Thorne of Butler and Elsa White of Hicksville, Ohio; a sister, Patsy Bartell of St. Joe; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Walter "Skippy" Sawvel, a brother, William Sawvel, and a sister, Betty Fee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with the Rev. Donald Beck officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton.

Calling is Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Morgan Hopkins

BUTLER — Morgan Hopkins, 91, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mr. Hopkins retired from Edgerton Manufacturing Co., in Edgerton, Ohio.

He was born Feb. 6, 1912, in Sneedville, Tenn., to John Wesley Hopkins and Cora (Collins) Hopkins.

He married Ruth Louise Collins on May 11, 1935, in Sneedville. She died Feb. 6, 1996.

Surviving are five sons, Max Hopkins and Tony Allen Hopkins, both of St. Joe, Jimmy Wayne Hopkins and Mitchell B. Hopkins, both of Butler, and Raymond D. Hopkins of Waterloo; two daughters, Betty Jane Parker of Waterloo and Peggy Kuhn of Hamilton; 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and 11 stepgreat-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were three sons, Taylor R. Hopkins, Ronnie Lee Hopkins and Jeffery B. Hopkins; one daughter, Pamela Sue Hopkins; six brothers, four sisters, one grandson and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rodney Buzzard will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Sue Jardine

AUBURN — Sue N. Jardine, 62, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Jardine was a hairdresser for 23 years at Twinette in Auburn and held her master cosmetologist license for 43 years. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of Auburn Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

She was born July 9, 1941, in Auburn to Russell and Norma (Roland) Frank.

She married Robert Jardine on Oct. 7, 1982, in Duluth, Minn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Crystal Jardine of Waterloo; two stepsons and their spouses, Patrick and Joan Jardine of Superior, Wis., and Douglas and Tracie Jardine of Cornucopia, Wis.; one stepdaughter, Michelle Jardine of Adams, Wis.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kay DePew and Jeanne and Bill Geiser, all of Auburn; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Jane Frank.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Auburn Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

This obituary is being republished with a change in calling hours and listing of an additional survivor.

Walter Davis

WATERLOO — Walter L. "Mike" Davis, 76, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Davis retired in 1984 from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, where he had been a semi driver for 29 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of Korea and was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 14, 1927, in Auburn to Russell and Beatrice (Mock) Davis.

He married Loretta Sebert on Oct. 18, 1952, in Angola. She died Nov. 14, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Jerry and Nadine Davis of Waterloo, Michael Davis of Garrett, and Joe Davis of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Beatrice and Steve Printz of Waterloo; a half-sister, Pauline Sanderson of Garrett; 10 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and a special friend, Beverly Watson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lowell Davis.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2:30 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Diane Fraley

ANGOLA — Diane Lynn "Ziggy" Fraley, 43, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fraley loved to ride horses and was active in trail and benefit rides. She was a former Sunday school teacher at Metz Christian Church and was an emergency medical technician with the Metz Volunteer Fire Department.

Mrs. Fraley was born on Nov. 11, 1959, in Indianapolis to Daniel Zeigler and Charlotte Zeigler-Cape.

She married Chris Fraley in 1994.

She lived in Angola, where she worked as a secretary at H and S Automotive.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Skyler and Daniel Powell, both of Angola; one stepdaughter, Christy Davison of Angola; one stepson, Brian Fraley of Ashley; two brothers, Larry Zeigler of Indianapolis and Michael Zeigler of Columbia, Ohio; two sisters, Charolen Caldwell of Angola and Darlene Zeigler of Fort Wayne; one grandchild; three stepgrandchildren; and her stepfather, Kermit Cape of Angola.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Aaron Zeigler.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Darold Beck officiating.

Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia, Ohio.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Ina Blanchard

ANGOLA — Ina M. Blanchard, 77, died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Blanchard was a homemaker and formerly worked at Bassett's Restaurant in Angola.

She enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren, as well as visiting friends and family.

She was born Oct. 30, 1925, in Charlotte, Mich., to Wyman and Lena (Trowbridge) Turner.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Doyle and Sherry Marten of Fremont and Ivan L. Blanchard of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Charmaine and Mike Kendall of Wawaka and Rosealee Tobart Mosley of Garrett; a daughter and her son, Ina M. and Jered Blanchard of Albion; a friend, Lewis Harmon of Angola; a brother, Robert Turner of Florida; a sister, Lucille Shepard of Battle Creek, Mich.; 18 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services were at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Velva Post

KENDALLVILLE — Velva Viola Post, 93, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville, where she had resided for six years.

She moved to Kendallville in 1948, where she lived as a farm wife.

She was born June 26, 1910, in Payne, Ohio, to James and Nellie (Nichols) Franklin. On March 26, 1932, in Paulding, Ohio, she married James O. Post, and he preceded her in death on June 24, 1997. A sister Sadie Ann Post, and a brother, James E. Franklin, are also deceased.

Mrs. Post

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lorraine and David Weber of Kendallville and Valeria and Marvin Gordon of Tucson, Ariz., seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 4 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 3 p.m. at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, with Pastor Mark Metz officiating. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Cindy Marti

GARRETT — Cindy S. Marti, 44, of Garrett, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Hagerstown.

She was a lifelong Garrett resident and human resources manager at the Auburn Wal-Mart. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Marti

She was born Jan. 10, 1959, in Auburn, to James E. and Lucille (Bond) Lash. On July 13, 1992, in Auburn, she married David A. Marti, and he survives.

Surviving are her father, of Garrett; a sister, Dianne L. Thomas of Garrett; two brothers, James C. Lash of Fort Wayne and David T. Lash of Carmel; a stepdaughter, Heather Davis of Garrett; two sisters-in-law, Georganna Bickley of Garrett and Linda Babcock and her husband, Bill, of Fort Wayne; a brother-in-law and his wife, Mike and Kari Marti of Garrett; two stepgrandchildren, Alex and MacKenzie; and several nieces and nephews.

Her mother preceded her in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or school.

Pauline Burkmire

BUTLER — Pauline Burkmire, 80, of Butler, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was a member of the Butler Nazarene Church, the Butler American Legion Auxiliary, for which she played an active role in its poppy sales, and the Butler Eagles. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed making chocolate chip cookies, working at church and going to breakfast with friends.

She was born Sept. 18, 1922, in Spencerville, to Harrison and Nora (Cook) Norrick. On July 29, 1942, in Napoleon, Ohio, she married Richard T. Burkmire, and he preceded her in death on June 24, 1976. A son, Jimmy Burkmire, a daughter, Margaret Burkmire, a brother, Frank Norrick, and a sister, Mary Morrow, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Mary Ann Burkmire of Norman, Okla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Blaine Alleshouse and Judith and Joe Burnett, all of Butler; two sisters, Ina Kitchen of Butler and Hulda Libey of Angola; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Butler Nazarene Church, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery. Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

James Koons

AVILLA — James L. Koons, 88, of Avilla, died Saturday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Clarice Branstrator

ANGOLA — Clarice R. Branstrator, 97, of Angola, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

A homemaker, she was born Nov. 17, 1905, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to Joseph A. and Mabel (Egger) Kaufman.

Surviving are two sons, William and Jack Lancaster Sr., both of of Angola; a sister, Grace Ridenour of South Bend; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Vera Hunn, Florence Huling and Catherine Kogin, a brother, James E. Kaufman, and three husbands preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating. Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

Corey Betts

BLUFFTON — Corey Paul Betts, 14, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, of complications from a bone marrow transplant.

He was a Bluffton High School freshman and active in the marching, concert and pep bands. He played T-ball as a small boy and went on to play baseball, including Farm League All Stars, Junior League, the Willie Blair All Stars and the Sandy Koufax League. He played football and basketball in the seventh and eighth grade at Bluffton Middle School, including Future Tigers and Pall Club basketball. He also played PeeWee Football and on the Optimists Soccer League. He attended Sonlight Wesleyan Church and was a member of its Power House ministries. He was an honor roll student.

He was born July 28, 1988, in Bluffton, to Keith K. and Sara J. (Helms) Betts. His parents survive in Bluffton.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Jay and Nancy Betts of Petroleum, Ind., and Paul and Virginia Helms; and a sister, Emily, and brother, Brandon, both at home.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Bluffton High School, with the Rev. James Matchett officiating. Calling is today from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at the high school, and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Bluffton High School Band Boosters.

Kathryn Gyllsdorff

GREENWOOD — Kathryn Elizabeth Swift Gyllsdorff, 86, died Saturday, July 26, 2003, at Greenwood Health and Living.

Mrs. Gyllsdorff was a church organist for 57 years. She was a member of Greenwood United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as worthy matron and grand organist at the Grand Chapter in Pennsylvania and Indiana, and was the district deputy in Pennsylvania.

She was born March 27, 1917, in Hamilton, to Ford N. and Esta (Reed) Smith.

Her husband, Torsten Gyllsdorff Jr., preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Gregory Gyllsdorff of Rockford, Ill.; two daughters, Gloria Stachel of Greenwood and Lynn Varner of Phoenixville, Pa.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Bill Hoopes officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

James Koons

AVILLA — James L. Koons, 88, a longtime Noble County Democratic Party chairman, died at 12:14 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Koons was a lifetime resident of Avilla and the owner and operator of Koons Supermarket from 1940-1992.

He served as Noble County Democratic Party chairman from 1944-2001 and was named chairman emeritus in 2001. On June 4, 1990, he was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash by then-Gov. Evan Bayh.

Koons

He also served as the 4th Congressional District chairman for the Democratic Party.

He was a 1933 graduate of Avilla High School. He was the former chairman of the March of Dimes and member of the Avilla Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Koons was a lifetime member of the Kendallville Elks and the Moose Lodge. He served on numerous local committees and helped bring bingo to St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a longtime sponsor of Avilla Baseball and a die-hard Chicago Cubs baseball fan.

He was born June 1, 1915, in Avilla to William and Cecelia (Ley) Koons. On Aug. 23, 1955, he married Dorothy Finney in St. Mary's Catholic Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ann Koons of Chicago.

Preceding him in death were a son, Father James Koons, on Aug. 6, 1998; four brothers, Charles, Harold, Dick and Burt; and a sister, Edith VanHouten.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fathers Daniel Durkin and David Rasner officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m., and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Phyllis Leggett

AUBURN — Phyllis Lea Leggett, 77, died Sunday, July 27, 2003, at her home.

She was a bookkeeper for Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co. 22 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

Mrs. Leggett was born Oct. 31, 1927, in Portland, to John and Dorothy (Reed) Williams.

She married Keith E. Leggett August 25, 1946, in Portland. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Rose Leggett of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Cathie and Duane Williams, Auburn; a sister, Joan Rhodehamel, Waterloo; five grandchildren, Chris Williams, Chad Leggett, Jon Williams, Bryan Leggett, and Ashley Williams; and one great grandson, Austin Daniel Leggett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Alma Franke

FORT WAYNE — Alma M. Franke, 93, died Saturday, July 26, 2003, at Heritage Park Nursing Home. She was an executive secretary for Wayne Co-op for 25 years and was active in the Democratic Party. She was a member of the St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Neuhaus of Auburn and Nancy Talbott of Fort Wayne; and one brother, Ralph Kelker of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond M. Franke; three sons; a daughter and one sister.

A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Jude's Catholic Church, with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., with Rosary at 6 p.m. Calling also one hour before the service. Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Wednesday, July 30, 2003

Janice Kimpel

ANGOLA — Janice M. Kimpel, 59, died Monday, July 28, 2003, at her home after a long battle with cancer.

She worked for Moore Business Forms in Angola for 25 years before retiring in March.

She was a member of the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Kimpel

Mrs. Kimpel was born May 12, 1944, in Butler, to Clarence and Ruby Aileen (Synall) Chapman.

Her father survives in Old Town, Fla., and her mother preceded her in death.

Also surviving are a son, Mark A. Kimpel of Angola; two daughters, Debra A. Kimpel of Angola and Tami L. Hartley of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald Chapman of Waterloo and Larry Chapman of Butler; two sisters, Donna Wade of Butler and Margaret Pommert of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Kristina, Mark and Mike Kimpel and Nick and Zack Hartley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Virgil Hagerty

FORT WAYNE — Virgil W. Hagerty, 98, died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at the Golden Years Homestead.

He taught school at Butler Elementary School and at the junior high school 19 years, and was the attendance officer for all DeKalb County schools for 26 years, retiring in 1970. He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, the Retired Teachers Association, and was a graduate of Manchester College.

Mr. Hagerty

Mr. Hagerty was born July 17, 1905, in DeKalb County to Cassius W. and Minnie (Beard) Hagerty.

He married Dorothy Puliver in 1965. She preceded him in death in 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Bourquin and Ruth Kortz, both of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Ted McDaniel, Adairsville, Ga.; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Ives Mills and Lota Everetts.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Pastor John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Patricia Pilz

OSSIAN — Patricia D. Edmondson Pilz, 70, died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the VFW Auxiliary in Ossian. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and flowers.

Mrs. Pilz was born Sept. 14, 1932, in Allen County, to Orville E. and Hattie E. (Faulkner) Wood.

She married Gunther Pilz Dec. 26, 2000. He died Jan. 12, 2001. Her first husband, John W. Edmondson, died in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Penny Rhodes, Garrett; a son, Dennis Edmondson, Yoder; a sister, Enid Johnson of Arizona; four grandchildren, Patricia and Michelle Rhodes and James William and Kathryn Marie Edmondson.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and five sisters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6514 E. C.R. 750N, Ossian, with Pastor William Brego officiating. Burial will be in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calling is from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 N. Mill St., Ossian. Memorials are to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Janet Walchle

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Janet B. Walchle, 51, died Saturday, July 26, 2003.

Surviving are her husband, James Walchle; daughters Merry Herdt of Canton Ga., and Jaimee Khan of Lawrenceville, Ga.; a son, Jonathan Walchle of Cumming, Ga.; her mother, Joan Budzon of Fort Wayne; sisters Jill B. Stratman of Jonesboro, Ark., and Judy R. Stocker of Spencerville; and a brother, Jay Budzon of Mishawaka.

Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. today at Old Big Cemetery in Alpharetta. Memorials are to World Prayer Band, P.O. Box 686, Roswell, N.M.

Dolores Brewer

WARSAW — Dolores "Dee" S. Brewer, 67, died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, in Auburn.

She was a supervisor at Lake City Bank in Warsaw and had lived in Kosciusko County for more than 20 years.

She was born Jan. 1, 1936, in Newport, Ky., to Fred and Cleo (Roberts) Spradlin.

Surviving are two daughters, Terri Smith, Auburn, and Chris McGee, Clifton; two sons, Timothy Brewer, Fort Myers, Fla., and Kenneth Brewer, Warsaw; two brothers, Jack Spradlin, and Kenneth Spradlin of Newport, Ky.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Pastor E. J. Underwood officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the chapel.

Burl Rude

AUBURN — Burl J. Rude, 81, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mr. Rude retired in 1984 from a college in Buffalo, N.Y., where he was a groundskeeper. He was a World War II Navy veteran, a member of the American Legion Post in Auburn and a member of Concord United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb.18, 1922, in Goshen, to Burl E. and Viena E. (Haverstock) Rude.

He married Canzis C. Horn on July 14, 1995, in Auburn. She survives, along with several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with the Rev. Barbara Cross and the Rev. John Godbey officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Beryl Loutzenhiser

GARRETT — Beryl Eugene Loutzenhiser, 78, of Garrett died at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2003.

Mr. Loutzenhiser was a veteran of World War II, serving with distinction in the 4th Marine Division as member of the survey section of a 105 Howitzer battalion. He was decorated for service in the battles of Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Loutzenhiser

He retired as plant general foreman from Mossberg Industries (Hubbard Spool) in Garrett 1986 after 40 years of service.

Mr. Loutzenhiser was a member of the Garrett Baptist Church and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

A lifelong Garrett resident, he was born July 2, 1925, to Van Sr. and Maude (Mountz) Loutzenhiser.

On Jan. 24, 1953, he married Imogene Mary Crothers. The couple recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Becky and Larry Madden of Nashville, Tenn., Jan Moffitt of Leo and Suzanne and David Hurd of Garrett; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Barry and Gerry Loutzenhiser of LaGrange, Terry Loutzenhiser of Garrett, Van and Alice Loutzenhiser of Auburn, 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; a sister, Gretchen VanGilder of Irons, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Van. Jr., Vernon, Dale and Ralph Loutzenhiser, and one sister, Vera.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Art Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett, with military graveside by Garrett Post 178 of the American Legion.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, the World War II Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., or to a veteran's organization of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Friday, August 1, 2003

Wilma Church

AUBURN — Wilma Kathryn Church, 83, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

A homemaker, she was born Nov. 16, 1919, in Butler to George and Ethel (Worthington) Blackwell.

She married George Church on April 8, 1939, in Auburn. He died Dec. 17, 1996.

She is survived by two daughters, Sandy A. Miskuff of Atlanta, Ga., and Sharon B. Cobbs of Auburn; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Ty and Janise Cobbs of Corunna, Todd and Chris Cobbs of Auburn, Dean and Mindy Miskuff of Buford, Ga., Laura and Dave Hiler of Leo, Georganna and Rob Hoffman of Evansville, Lynda and Michael Brookshire of Atlanta and Robin and Ron Buck of Largo, Fla; 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Helen Blackwell.

A private family graveside service will take place Monday morning in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett. The Rev. Al Black will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Saturday, August 2, 2003

Everett Wilhelm

PLEASANT LAKE — Everett W. Wilhelm, 83, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at his residence.

Mr. Wilhelm was born July 24, 1930, in Ashley to Ernest and Myrtle (Achemire) Wilhelm. He married Barbara L. Sanders on Dec. 23, 1950, in Ashley.

Mr. Wilhelm

He was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II. He retired in 1979 from International Harvester of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Grandlienard, Violet and Gary Ritter, and Sharon and Jeff Erwin, all of Pleasant Lake; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Penny Wilhelm of Hudson; a sister and brother-in-law, Thelma and Joe Costanza of Ashley; 11 grandchildren, Bridgitte Johnson, Jacob Grandlienard, Brandy Ritter, Kirk Ritter, Cory Ritter, Angie Middleton, Brad Erwin, Kevin Erwin, Craig Erwin, and Colt and Dusty Wilhelm; 10 great-grandchildren, Claire Grandlienard, Gwen Johnson, Trevor Johnson, Brad Johnson, Quinton Holloway, Madison Ritter, Dalles Ritter, Blake Ritter, Cort Middleton and Chase Pfefferkorn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Dorothy Hemsoth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna, with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Memorials are to Plum Child Care or donor's choice.

Raymond Gingery

GARRETT — Raymond E. Gingery, 75, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A lifetime Garrett resident, he was a tool grinder at Warner Gear in Auburn for 35 years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Gingery was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. He was a third degree Knights of Columbus member for more than 50 years and a Garrett Eagle for more than 50 years.

He was born April 20, 1928, in Garrett to Leon G. and Mamie L. (Rechtine) Gingery.

He married Ruthann Gabet on Oct. 18, 1952, in New Haven. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William Gingery of Powell, Texas, and Richard Gingery of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Diane Osborn of Fort Wayne, Susie Moore of Coldwater, Mich., and Mary Ann Hamman of Butler; a brother, Robert E. Gingery of Corpus Christi, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Sharon Wasson, and a brother, Leon Gingery.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 5-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net

Saturday, August 2, 2003

Otis Mills

KENDALLVILLE — Otis G. Mills, 81, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at his residence.

He was born on July 14, 1922, in Fort Wayne, to Otto Otis and Lulu Loraine (Hass) Mills. He and his wife, Polly, were married on April 20, 1959, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She preceded him in death on June 16, 1998.

Mr. Mills was a welder for Kalamazoo Manufacturing Co., where he worked for 32 years, retiring in 1986.

Surviving are a stepson and daughter in law, Earl and Bonnie Conley of Corunna; three daughters, Carol Ramose, Sandra Romero and Betty Hunt, all of California; two brothers, Fred Mills of Fort Wayne, and Robert Mills of California; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, Don Mills.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be at Sedan Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Frank Breckbill

CHICAGO — Frank D. "Junior" Breckbill, 78, died Sunday, July 27, 2003, in Chicago.

Mr. Breckbill was a Methodist lay minister. He had worked at Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett and served in the Peace Corps from 1980-1982.

He enjoyed flying and music and was a church organist at Christian Union Church for several years.

He was born Feb. 7, 1925, in Garrett to the Rev. Frank and Jennie Brechbill. He lived in Garrett for more than half of his life.

He left Garrett High School after his freshman year to attend Messiah Bible College. In 1942 he was chosen to be the first tenor in the First College Male Quartet that traveled and performed throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

He also was a member of The Minute Men Quartet of Auburn, which enjoyed stage work for 13 years and once performed with "Tennessee" Ernie Ford. The quartet also sang at the Indiana State Prison, for a tent meeting in Fort Wayne that attracted 6,000 people and on a daily radio show.

He pastored a country church near Wooster, Ohio, for 18 months. He graduated from the University of Akron, Ohio, in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carole, and four daughters, one son, 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Mr. Breckbill's body was donated to a medical school in Chicago.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will take place Saturday, Aug. 9, at noon, at the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church. A luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall. Friends and family members are welcome to attend.

Janie Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Martha Jane "Janie" Handshoe, 60, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and mother and a member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

She was born Feb. 8, 1943, in Hippo, Ky., to Floyd and Sally (Reffitt) Shepherd.

She married Ross Handshoe on May 26, 1961, in Avilla. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Byron and Michele Handshoe of Fort Wayne, Darren and Kristen Handshoe of Fort Wayne, and Douglas Handshoe of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Brett Peters of Avilla; six grandchildren, Joshua, Jeremy, Jerod and David Handshoe, and Kyle and Taylor Peters; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim Curt Shepherd and Dora Shepherd and Eugene and Lorrain Shepherd, all of Kendallville, and Roger and Bessie Shepherd of Fort Wayne; and five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Madeline Coburn of Ligonier, Patty and Floyd Davis of Hippo, Ky., Juanita and Cecil Crum of Banner, Ky., Irene and Kenneth Castle of Blue River, Ky., and Dora and Kenneth Lazar of Prestonburg, Ky.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family or through an online registry at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Theressa Snyder

ANGOLA — Theressa S. Snyder, 98, a lifelong Angola resident, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker and a 50-year member of the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born April 4, 1905, in Steuben County to Theodore and Effie (Heroy) Blatter.

She married Ford Snyder on Aug. 21, 1936. He died Sept. 14, 1984.

Surviving are one brother, Ted Blatter of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Pearl King of Angola; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Phillip Snyder in 1983 and Billy C. Brown in 2001; a daughter, Fairy Ann Wattier, who died earlier this year; a grandson, Stacy Fisher in 1991; three brothers, John, Hershel and Cliff Blatter; and three sisters, Maxine Parker, Nora Crooks and Emma May.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller offficiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Well Child Clinic.

Sunday, August 3 , 2003

Irene Yearling

FORT WAYNE — Irene E. Yearling, 96, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. She had been a resident there since Wednesday and had been hospitalized for two weeks.

She had been employed at Farnsworth Electronics, the Roebuck Canning Co. and Star Dry Cleaning, all in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 21, 1906, in Champagne, Ill., to W.A. and Laura (Swatsley) Phillips.

Following her marriage to Clarence Yearling, she moved to Payne, Ohio, and later to Fort Wayne before moving to her home in Eel River Township in 1938.

Surviving are a son, Richard E. Yearling of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Richard Yearling, Lenny Yearling and Jill Eckert, all of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a daughter-in-law, Mary Yearling; two brothers, Art Phillips and Wilson Phillips; and a sister, Rose Wyss.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery at Payne, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneral-home.com.

This obituary is being republished with a correction.

Everett Wilhelm

PLEASANT LAKE — Everett W. Wilhelm, 83, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at his residence.

Mr. Wilhelm was born July 24, 1920, in Ashley to Ernest and Myrtle (Achemire) Wilhelm. He married Barbara L. Sanders on Dec. 23, 1950, in Ashley.

Mr. Wilhelm

He was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II. He retired in 1979 from International Harvester of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Grandlienard, Violet and Gary Ritter, and Sharon and Jeff Erwin, all of Pleasant Lake; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Penny Wilhelm of Hudson; a sister and brother-in-law, Thelma and Joe Costanza of Ashley; 11 grandchildren, Bridgitte Johnson, Jacob Grandlienard, Brandy Ritter, Kirk Ritter, Cory Ritter, Angie Middleton, Brad Erwin, Kevin Erwin, Craig Erwin, and Colt and Dusty Wilhelm; 10 great-grandchildren, Claire Grandlienard, Gwen Johnson, Trevor Johnson, Brad Johnson, Quinton Holloway, Madison Ritter, Dalles Ritter, Blake Ritter, Cort Middleton and Chase Pfefferkorn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Dorothy Hemsoth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna, with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Memorials are to Plum Child Care or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Bowman

WATERLOO — Mary Alice Bowman, 98, died at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, at her home.

She was a homemaker and a teacher's aid volunteer at the Waterloo Elementary School. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Minerva Club, Stitch & Chatter Club and was active in the DeKalb Youth Fellowship.

She was born Nov. 9, 1904, in Waterloo, to Charles and Alice Speer.

She married Waldo M. Bowman June 6, 1926, in Waterloo. He died Dec. 21, 1981.

Surviving are a son, Marvin Eugene Bowman, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; two daughters, Mary Lou Tuck of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Robert Ann Mills of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; and a brother, George Walker Speer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and at the church one hour prior to the service. Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ethan Faux

FISHERS — Ethan Aaron Faux, 6 days old, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born July 27, 2003, in Noblesville to Jason and Kendra (Steury) Faux of Fishers.

Surviving with the parents are grandparents Stephen and Vickie Faux of Auburn and Furman and Margaret Steury of Leo; and a great-grandmother, Ruth Richardson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St., Grabill. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

There is no calling. Memorials are to the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation neo-intensive care unit, 11595 N. Meridian St., Suite 800, Carmel, 46032.

The D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Olive Davis

AUBURN — Olive M. Davis, 91, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Davis was a registered nurse's aide. She was a member of the Bainbrdidge United Methodist Church in Bainbridge and was a former member of the Riley Cheer Guild, Indianapolis, and Adopt a Friend of Logansport.

She was born Sept. 5, 1911, in Kendallville, to Ambrose R. and Lola (Reed) Miller.

She married Donald Davis in January of 1938 in Noble County.

Surviving are a sister, Vada Walter, Auburn; two nieces, Pearl Ellert of Auburn and Tanya Miller of Merrick, N.Y.; two nephews, Bill Geiser of Auburn and Mike Miller of Churubusco; and a number of grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Velma Geiser and Minnie Opal; and a brother, Vilas Miller.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Pastor David Schleh of the Christian Missionary Church, officiating. There is no calling.

The McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Woodward Sr.

AUBURN — Harold N. Woodward Sr., 75, died Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was an electrician at Warner Gear for 30 years, retiring in 1977. He was an Army veteran and member of the American Legion and VFW in Garrett.

Mr. Woodward was born in Corunna to Buford N. and Golda A. Woodward.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Barbara Woodward of Kendallville; a daughter, Paula A. McDonald of Garrett; a brother, Robert Woodward of Garrett; four grandchildren, Shane Egly of Auburn, Lori Ferguson, Michael McDonald and David McDonald, all of Garrett; five step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, Lyndsee McDonald, Derek McDonald, Roy Phillips, Macen Ferguson and Kiann McDonald, all of Garrett, and Mishelle McDonald and Michael McDonald Jr., both of Edgerton, Ohio; and nine step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nelda Y. Woodward; and two brothers, James and Donald Woodward.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Christian Union Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Memorials are to the DeKalb Cancer Society.

Wednesday, August 6, 2003

Vernita Vinson

AUBURN — Vernita Vinson, 89, died today at her home.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Meghan Sarrazine

GARRETT — Meghan B. Sarrazine, 2, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at 10:01 p.m., at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a construction accident near Garrett.

She was born Sept. 5, 2000, in Fort Wayne, to Douglas L. and Eileen M. (McRoden) Sarrazine and they survive.

Meghan Sarrazine

She was a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two brothers, Zachary Sarrazine and Nicholas Sarrazine, both of Garrett; two sisters, Andrea Sarrazine and Danielle Sarrazine, both of Garrett; her grandfather, Leo Sarrazine of Auburn; her grandmother, Josephine McRoden of New Haven; and her great-grandfather, Charles Brady of Dublin, Ireland.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Marilyn Sarrazine, and her grandfather, Llewellyn McRoden.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with Father John Kuzmich officiating.

Burial will be in the Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church.

A wake service will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Berneda Vinson

AUBURN — Berneda K. Vinson, 89, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Vinson was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born Dec. 12, 1913, in Fort Wayne, to William and Barbara (Sorg) Kleber.

She married Bill Vinson on Sept. 2, 1937, in Fort Wayne and he died June 21, 1987.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Karen Vinson of Beverly Hills, Fla., and Jerry and Carolyn Vinson of St. Joe; seven daughters and four sons-in-law, Lois and John Christlieb of Auburn, Mary Voirol of Auburn, Alice and Dennis Ransom of Auburn, Joan and Orval Wallace of Auburn, Nancy and Dillgard Jones of South Side, Ala., Theresa Harris of Auburn and Ginny Vinson Miller of Auburn; two brothers, Jim Kleber and Ervin Kleber, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Vera Vinson of New Haven and Luella Offerle of Fort Wayne; 29 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Joseph Vinson; and a great-grandson, Mike George.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to services at the church. A Rosary service is at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are to masses at the church or to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Francis Armstrong

FORT WAYNE — Francis M. "Bud" Armstrong, 83, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, in South Haven, Mich.

He was the owner of Curtis Flowers Inc., and a World War II Army Air Force veteran. He was a past master of F&AM 731 Southgate Lodge, past president of the Flying Shriners and a past master of Tyrian Lodge 718, Elkhart.

Surviving are his wife, Laura; two daughters, Cheryl Ann Steward and Dagne Ludwig, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Tom Armstrong, Butler; a sister, Joan Chancellor, Butler; and four grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were two sisters, Edith Alexander and Alice Bergman; and one brother, Gerald Armstrong.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Masonic services will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Alma Woodcock

AUBURN — Alma L. Woodcock, 86, died today, Aug. 7, 2003, at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Services are pending at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Gary Jordan

FORT WAYNE — Gary W. Jordan, 50, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Jordan operated Bark & Bark Tree Service and had worked for Perfection Bakery.

He was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Surviving are his father, Donald E. Jordan of Fort Wayne; a son, Justin Jordan of Fort Wayne; his companion, Lynn Graves of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Neal Jordan, Dennis Jordan and Keith Jordan, all of Fort Wayne, and Donald Jordan of Huntertown; two sisters, Elaine Kreitzer of Stroh and Teresa Sunderland of Ashley; a grandson, Ethan M. Johnson of Fort Wayne; 24 nieces and nephews; and 11 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes E., in 1999; his mother, Jeniece Jordan; and a brother, Kevin Jordan.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services at the church Saturday.

Memorial are to the family.

Alma Woodcock

AUBURN — Alma L. Woodcock, 86, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was a homemaker and had worked in the Fort Wayne Knitting Mill for several years in the 1930s. She was a babysitter for several area families. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born Nov. 24, 1916, in Garrett to Frederick B. and Mable E (Rowe) Stoll.

Surviving are three sons, Marvin E. Woodcock of Kendallville, Glen Woodcock of Churubusco, and Thomas L. Woodcock of Fort Wayne; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Carolyn and Dale Healy of Auburn, Gloria and Bill Howe of Auburn, Constance Sue and Lynn Carper of Auburn, Linda Kapp of Hudson, Marjorie Hecht of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Walter Stoll of Ossian and LeRoy Stoll of Huntertown; one sister, Irma Knapp of Garrett; 25 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Trinity Lutheran Church of the American Diabetic Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dana Ludlow

NORTH TURNER, Maine — Dana Kane Ludlow, 54, died Aug. 1, 2003, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston.

He had worked as an investigator for the prosecutor's office in LaGrange County, Ind., and for the Department of Human Services, Disabled Children Department. He had also sold real estate, was a farmer at Ye Old Farm in North Turner and most recently worked for Central Maine Independent News in Lewiston.

Mr. Ludlow was born Jan. 1, 1949, in Anderson, Ind., the son of Eugene E. and Mary Barbara Kane Ludlow. He graduated from Indiana University in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Jamie Ludlow of North Turner, his mother and stepfather, Barbara and George Kennedy of North Turner; a brother, Richard Ludlow of Schnider, Ind.; and three sisters, Susan D. Kane of Roanoke, Va., Nancy Baum of Auburn, Ind., and Mary Beth Maskow of Brighton, Ind.

Services will be today at Finley Funeral Home, Livermore Falls.

Condolences may be e-mailed to Finley@explore-maine.com.

The following obituary is being republished to provide additional information.

Gary Jordan

FORT WAYNE — Gary W. Jordan, 50, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Jordan

Mr. Jordan operated Bark & Bark Tree Service and had worked for Perfection Bakery.

He was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Surviving are his father, Donald E. Jordan of Fort Wayne; a son, Justin Jordan of Fort Wayne; his companion, Lynn Graves of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Neal Jordan, Dennis Jordan and Keith Jordan, all of Fort Wayne, and Donald Jordan of Huntertown; three sisters, Elaine Kreitzer of Stroh, Teresa Sunderland of Ashley and Beverly MacDonald of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Ethan M. Johnson of Fort Wayne; 24 nieces and nephews; and 11 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes E., in 1999; his mother, Jeniece Jordan; and a brother, Kevin Jordan.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services at the church Saturday.

Memorials are to the family.

Tyler Lee Freeman

GARRETT — Tyler Lee Freeman, infant, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Survivors include his parents, Jessica Corbin and Jason Freeman, both of Garrett; grandparents, Julie Corbin and Terry and Vonda Freeman, all of Garrett, and Don Corbin of Albion; great-grandparents, Bernard and Joan Pence, Bertha Payton, Robert Freeman and Peggy McGlothlin, all of Garrett, and Connie DeVeny of Huntertown; two cousins, Kayla and Bryant Freeman, both of Garrett; aunts and uncles, Patty Provines and Jeff Provines of Auburn, and Chasity Freeman and Joe Freeman of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lily Rose Corbin, and a great-grandfather, Robert Payton.

Graveside services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday at Calvary Cemetery, Garrett. There is no calling.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

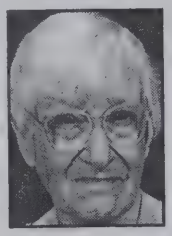
Saturday, August 9, 2003

Helen Libey

HUDSON — Helen M. Libey, 93, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at 8:50 p.m. at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Libey was born March 11, 1910, in Ohio, to Perry and Lillian (Boitnott) Clingan.

She married George Ralph Libey on Feb. 15, 1934. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1973.


Mrs. Libey

She was a homemaker and a lifetime Steuben County resident.

She was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church, and was the founder of the Hudson Garden Club.

She was a member of the United Methodist Women, Pollyanna Club, Hudson Extension Homemakers, Violet Club and the Salem Center Study Club. She was a 4-H leader.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Rosella Libey of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Dick Gardner of Salem, Mo.; five grandchildren, Morgan and Nathan Libey and Kent, Troy and Todd Gardner; and five great-grandchildren, Trent and Christopher Gardner, Makayla Rose Libey and Joshua and Justin Gardner.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Waldon Clingan, and a sister, Dorothy Freed.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Robert Richards

ASHLEY — Robert O. Richards, 78, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at 10:54 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Richards was born July 21, 1925, in Butler, to Russell and Marie (Nelson) Richards.

He married Roberta Dennison on Sept. 17, 1977, and she survives.

He was retired from Warner Gear and was a former announcer for WIFF radio in Auburn. He also operated the Lake George Motor Inn.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and served in World War II.

Mr. Richards

He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley, Indiana Full Gospel Singers, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and the Fort Wayne Musicians Association.

Surviving are a son, Kelly Richards of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Diann Cook of Ligonier and Linda Rosier of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Rebekah Swager of Fremont; a sister, Sharon Miller of Hudson; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert M. Richards, in 1995.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Independent Full Gospel Church, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be on Monday from noon until the time of the service.

Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson, where military rites will be conducted.

Memorials are to the church bell or the Ashley Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntry.net.

Sunday, August 10, 2003

David Carter

ALBION — David E. Carter, 82, of Albion, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

He was a former member of Merriam Christian Chapel and enjoyed fishing, woodworking and his family.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1920, to Otis D. and Chloa Mae (Connell) Carter.

He married Phyllis K. Bonar on Feb. 19, 1943, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debra and John Landa of Albion; two sons, Phillip Carter of Fort Wayne and Dennis Carter of Ligonier; 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, David Carter in 1950; one brother and four sisters.

Private graveside services are scheduled for today.

Doris Thompson

KENDALLVILLE — Doris Annette Thompson, 82, of Kendallville, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She attended Ball State University, where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

She was a member of the Kendallville chapter of Tri-Kappa and a long time member of the Trinity Church United Methodist.

She had the distinction of becoming the first woman in DeKalb County to earn her private pilot's license in Noble County in 1967.

She was born July 16, 1921, in Helmer.

She married Dr. Alden Blake Thompson DDS on Aug. 9, 1942, in Helmer. He died on Feb. 11, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Annette Thompson-Calderon; a son, Dr. John Blake Thompson; a daughter-in-law, Diane L. Thompson; seven grandchildren, Andrea, William and Ellyssa Calderon, Lacey and Maxwell Thompson and Ryan and Shane Replogle; a brother, Verle D. Whysong of Spokane, Wash.; and a sister, Clarice W. Rogers of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Dr. William Alden Thompson on March 29, 1984, and James Albert Thompson on Dec. 19, 1959.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home at 222 South St., Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Burial is in the Lake View cemetery.

Memorials to the Kendallville Library Foundation.

Sunday, August 10, 2003

Coralie Holman

ST. JOE — Coralie B. Holman, 88, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb.

She was born March 26, 1915, to Hollis A. and Gail M. (Hamilton) Knox in Olvis, Minn.

She married Aaron Holman on Oct. 26, 1934, in Butler. He died on Feb. 7, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters, Gailanna Ransom of Avilla, Karen Smith of New Orleans, and Pamela Bello of Rocklin, Calif.; two sons, Allen and Carlyle Holman, both of St. Joe; two brothers, Florin and Glen Knox, both of Auburn; a sister, Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aaron; a daughter, Wanda Holley; a brother, Will Knox; and a sister, Majel Moughler.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the St. Joe Church of Christ with the Rev. Larry Watson and the Rev. Douglas Holley officiating.

Memorials are to the church.

Dick Bercaw, Butler civic leader, dies

BUTLER — Dick Bercaw, 85, died Saturday Aug. 9, 2003.

Mr. Bercaw was president of Maxton Motors in Butler where he worked for 70 years and a past member of the Butler Rotary Club.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He served on the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Board and was instrumental in the building of the current hospital. Over the years, he served on numerous automotive dealer councils. He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and Butler American Legion Post 202. He was an avid golfer, and softball player and enjoyed and supported athletics. He graduated from Butler High School where he was on the basketball team.

Mr. Bercaw

He was born June 27, 1918 in Edgerton, Ohio, to Carl and Edith Bercaw.

He was married to Lois O. (Buttermore) Bercaw. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daugters-in-law, Jack N. and Elaine Bercaw of Fremont, Randy L. and Sally Bercaw of Butler, and Rex D. and Kristine Bercaw of Auburn; six grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Jean Myers of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Butler United Methodist Church with pastor Dan Ekhart officiating.

Memorials are to the Eastside Foundation - Dick and Lois Bercaw Scholarship Fund or Junior Achievement for the benefit of DeKalb Eastern Schools.

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Margaret Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Louise Blech, 80, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Blech had been employed at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for more than 20 years and had worked in the office there. She was a member of Charm & Chatter Home Extension Club and had received a 50-year membership award in 2001.

Mrs. Blech

She and her husband, Paul, had traveled in their recreational vehicle to every state in the nation with their travel club.

Mrs. Blech was born Dec. 3, 1922, in Wayne Township to Harold and Mildred (Barker) Kline.

Surviving are her husband, Paul, of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Dorothy Blech of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Karen Garza of Kendallville; a grandson, Neal Swager of Kendallville; a granddaughter, April Etter of Auburn; and a great-granddaughter, Madison Etter of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Kline.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Coralie Holman

ST. JOE — Coralie B. Holman, 88, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Holman was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ.

She was born March 26, 1915, in Olivia, Minn., to Hollis A. and Gail M. (Hamilton) Knox.

She married Aaron Holman on Oct. 26, 1934, in Butler. He died Feb. 7, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Gailanna and Ed Ransom of Avilla, Karen and Myron Smith of New Orleans, and Pamela and Chris Bello of Rocklin, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Patricia Holman and Carlyle and Sheila Holman, all of St. Joe; two brothers, Florin and Glen Knox, both of Auburn; a sister, Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Holley; a brother, Will Knox; and a sister, Majel Moughler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the St. Joe Church of Christ. The Rev. Larry Watson and the Rev. Douglas Holley will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ.

Carroll Koble

SYRACUSE — Carroll L. Koble, 71, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, at Goshen General Hospital.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 38 years, and was an active member of the First Church of God, Goshen. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Koble was born March 22, 1932, in Poe, to the Rev. Joseph John Koble and Martha Alice (Baker) Koble.

He married Carol F. Frederick on June 2, 1956.

Surviving are his wife; three sons and daughters-in-law, Stephan Wayne and Laura Koble of Auburn, Mark Allan and Becky Koble of Eugene, Ore., and Craig and Sharon Koble of Goshen; and five grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Richard Keith and Thomas Lloyd Koble; and a sister, Faith Hope Koble.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Church of God in Goshen, with Pastor Craig Garber and Sam Bennett officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery, where family graveside services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Calling is from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the First Church of God Youth in Goshen and the American Heart Association.

This obituary is being republished with a corrected name of a relative.

Coralie Holman

ST. JOE — Coralie B. Holman, 88, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Holman was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ.

She was born March 26, 1915, in Olivia, Minn., to Hollis A. and Gail M. (Hamilton) Knox.

She married Aaron Holman on Oct. 26, 1934, in Butler. He died Feb. 7, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Gailanna and Ed Ransom of Avilla, Karen and Myron Smith of New Orleans, and Pamela and Chris Bello of Rocklin, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Patricia Holman and Carlyle and Sheila Holman, all of St. Joe; two brothers, Florin and Glen Knox, both of Auburn; a sister, Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Holley; a brother, Bill Knox; and a sister, Majel Moughler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the St. Joe Church of Christ. The Rev. Larry Watson and the Rev. Douglas Holley will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ.

Pauline Eck

BUTLER — Pauline I. Eck, 85, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Eck had been the owner and cook of the Coffee Cup Restaurant in Butler. She was a charter member of the Butler Eagles.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Hamilton to Lloyd L. and Victoria J. (Collett) Beard.

She married Charles L. Eck on Dec. 25, 1934, in Waterloo. He died July 15, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmie and Glenda Eck of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Helen and Gene Snook of Garrett and Ruth Teegardin of Butler; two sisters, Agnes Suntken of Butler and June Jozefowicz of Montpelier, Ohio; 23 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry and Charles; two brothers, Clarence Beard and Donald Beard; and four sisters, Dororthy Dunham, Virginia Hart, Florence Lint and Vivian Warner.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. Ned Adams will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Patricia Klopfenstein

FORT WAYNE — Patricia "Pat" L. (Steinbacher) Klopfenstein, 61, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

A Fort Wayne native, she worked at National Tube Form and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 10006 and Eagles and was a life member of American Legion Auxiliary 241.

Surviving are a son, Douglas D. Klopfenstein of Auburn; a daughter, Amie M. Burton of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lary C. Steinbacher of Pleasant Lake, and James A. Steinbacher of Churubusco; a sister, Barbara J. Wade of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Andrew and Zak Klopfenstein and Nicholas Burton; and three granddaughters, Halee and Courtney Klopfenstein and Kylie Burton.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Phyllis J. Tuncil.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1910 Hale Ave. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

Alice Quinn

ROANOKE — Alice Crawford Quinn, 94, died July 18, 2003, in Sarasota, Fla.

She was employed for 20 years with Wolf & Dessaur and L.S. Ayres stores in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly Sutton and Patricia Reed; two sons, Roy Crawford of Roanoke and James Crawford of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Nancy Bolinger of Auburn; and numerous grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Bette Rason; two sisters and one brother.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are by the Roanoke Memorial Funeral Chapel.

Memorials are to a hospice of donor's choice.

Jane Canfield

FORT WAYNE — Jane Mari Canfield, 52, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at University Park Nursing Center.

She worked in the health care field and had been a nursing student at Ivy Tech College.

She was born Nov. 11, 1950, in Fort Wayne and was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her parents, Norma and Harold Fischer of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, April and Richard Michaels of Indianapolis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Nick Lyons of Fischers and Michael and Sue Richards of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Don Canfield of Fort Wayne and Jon and Vicki Canfield of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and David Nichter of Auburn; two grandchildren; and a cousin, Mike Canfield of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Canfield.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

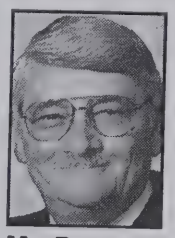
Memorials are to Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults.

Thursday, August 14, 2003

Roger Boggs

COLUMBIA CITY — Roger D. Boggs, 69, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for the past two months.

Mr. Boggs had worked at Farmer's Elevator and Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire and had owned the Friendly Inn in Albion from 1978 to 1981. He retired from Dana P.T.G. in Columbia City in 1999.



Mr. Boggs

He had served in the Indiana National Guard for seven years and was a member of the UAW.

Mr. Boggs was born June 9, 1934, in Etna to J. Heber and Edith (Fisher) Boggs.

On May 28, 1953, he married Shirley A. Wolfe. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rebecca Brown of Pierceton and Jamesanna and Jeff Webb of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Nancy Boggs of Albion; three brothers, Stanley Boggs of Oak Grove, La., and Otto Boggs and C.L. Boggs, both of Columbia City; a sister, Amanda Brink of Elk Grove, Mich.; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home with Pastor Orlo Hibbs officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eugene Rilling

AUBURN — Eugene G. Rilling, 55, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003. Services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Clyde Brown

AUBURN — Clyde Brown, 78, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a job setter for Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1980 with 38 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion post at Auburn and the Butler Eagles.

He was born Dec. 28, 1924, in DeKalb County to Elsworth and Stella (LaRowe) Brown.

He married Patricia Moran on April 16, 1954, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Brown of Auburn and Dennis Brown of Ashley; a daughter, Karen Thacker of Kendallville; three brothers, Edwin Brown and Clarence Brown, both of Auburn, and Richard Brown of Garrett; four sisters, Luella Aschelman and Geraldine Clark, both of Auburn, and Norma Dickinson and Sue Bock, both of Garrett; six grandchildren, Nicole and Dana Hedrick, Casey and Aaron Brown, Kristy Helmkamp and Blaine Thacker; and three great-grandchildren, Faith Hedrick, Kaya Helmkamp and Kaiden Thacker.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Howard Brown.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. A graveside service will be conducted by the American Legion post of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Bryce Brickley

BLUFFTON — Bryce W. Brickley, 77, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at 1:35 p.m., at the VA Hospital in Marion.

Mr. Brickley was a farmer and had worked at Ormsby Trucking for more than 10 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946.

He was born May 6, 1926, in Wells County to Herbert and Gladys (Rohraugh) Brickley.

On May 26, 1956, he married Dorothy B. Hamrick in Decatur. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Donnie and Ronnie, both of Scottsburg, and Joe L., Bryce A. and Jay D., all of Bluffton; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Darlene and Duane Flick of Bluffton, Tina Brickley of Garrett, Doris Brickley of Fort Wayne, Tangela and Kenneth Scherbring of Decatur and Sharon Campbell; seven brothers, Dean of Ossian, William, Richard and Jerry, all of Bluffton, Warren of Decatur, Chester of South Bend and Clarence of Tocsin; seven sisters and four brothers-in-law, Alice Jacobs of Ossian, Elizabeth and William Heron of Montpelier, Frieda Key of Yoder, Dixie and Hank Osborn of Ossian, Beatrice and John Hoffman of Goshen, Janet Marshall of Fort Wayne and Dorothy and Enos Gore of Keystone; 30 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenny; two daughters, Penny Frauhiger and Carol Johnson; a brother, George; a sister, Joan Knight; and his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, with the Rev. James Poling officiating.

Burial will be in Horeb Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

Helen Miller

PORT ORANGE, Fla. — Helen I. Miller, 88, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, in Daytona, Fla.

She had been a cook in the Huntertown school cafeteria before moving to Port Orange, Fla.

She was born Jan. 20, 1915, in Butler.

Surviving are a daughter, Sarah Dearduff of Port Orange, Fla.; a son, Ned Miller of Lowell, Mich.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a sister, Joan Moore of Auburn; and two brothers, Arman Campbell of Auburn and Burt Campbell of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles R. Miller, in 1998.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday in Port Orange Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery at Harlan.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Lupus Foundation of America, P.O. Box 631047, Baltimore, MD 21263-1047.

Charles E. Shaffer

Charles E. Shaffer, 57, of Rockford, Ill., died Aug. 11, 2003, at St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford.

Mr. Shaffer lived in Metz for many years and was a professional pool player.

He was born July 24, 1946, in Pennsylvania to Charles E. and Leah Celio Shaffer.

Survivors include a son, Brian of California; a daughter, Rina Shaffer of Houston; a grandchild; and two sisters, Kathy Lewis of Hamilton and Peggy Stella of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father, Denver Ferrier, who was involved in his upbringing; and a brother, Terry A. Ferrier.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Metz, with Willard McKinley officiating.

Memorials may be made at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Friday, August 15, 2003

Elizabeth Barnes

AUBURN — Elizabeth A. "Libby" Barnes, 83, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Barnes was a beautician and a member of the New Haven Eagles.

She was born March 17, 1920, in Kimbolton, Ohio, and lived in the area 55 years.

Surviving are her husband, William Barnes of Auburn, and a sister, Eilene Gray of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Ackley and Bonnie Yeick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Pastor Joe Simpson of Branches of Christ Church will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with an Eagles memorial service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Branches of Christ Church, 2010 E. Tillman Road, Fort Wayne, or Auburn Baptist Church, 500 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn.

Michael Hamilton

AVILLA — Michael C. "Dink" Hamilton, 53, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at 4:50 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton was a tool-and-die maker and had worked 12 years at XY Tool in LaOtto, 12 years at Berkey Machine in Brimfield and two years at Vector in LaOtto. He enjoyed working in his shop at his home, motorcycle racing, drag racing and bird watching.

He was a 1968 graduate of East Noble High School and had attended Manchester College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Mr. Hamilton had lived in the area since 1962 and was charter member of the former Avilla Jaycees.

He was born April 4, 1950, in Hayward, Calif., to Richard P. and Doris L. (Streeton) Hamilton. His mother survives in Kendallville and his father died Oct. 29, 1999.

Also surviving are his caregiver, Lisa Spaw of Avilla; three brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Mona Hamilton and Mark and Stacy Hamilton, all of Kendallville, and Bruce and Jill Hamilton of Auburn; and six nieces, Elizabeth, Jennifer, April, Lisa, Carmen, and Cathy Hamilton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. David Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240 .

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3300 E. Sunrise Drive, Tuscon, Ariz. 85718-3299.

Geraldine Lichtsinn

AUBURN — Geraldine E. "Jerry" Lichtsinn, 84, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at 7:45 p.m., at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Lichtsinn had worked as an assembler and retired from Magnavox Corp. in 1985 after 44 years of service. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born March 29, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Samuel and Elizabeth (Scharpenberg) Bacon.

She is survived by a son, Larry Lichtsinn of Auburn; two grandchildren, Larry Lichtsinn and Tiffany DeKoninck, both of Leo; three sisters, Lorene Conrad and Emily Bacon, both of Fort Wayne, and Elaine Pfeiffer of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Samuel Bacon of Decatur and Arthur Bacon of Coldwater; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy "Red" Lichtsinn, in 1993, and a grandson, Luke LeRoy Lichtsinn.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn or Ascension Lutheran Church.

Ellen Gobel

BUTLER — Ellen E. Gobel, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was a retired teacher.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Morris of Butler, and a son, Robert Gobel of Scott Depot, W.Va.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Raymond, and a son, Harold Gobel.

Private services were held with burial in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Literacy Collaborative of DeKalb Eastern Schools or the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler handled arrangements.

Eugene Rilling

AUBURN — Eugene G. Rilling, 55, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at 12:45 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northern Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rilling worked for Irmscher Construction as a project manager/architect. He was a member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club and St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler. He was a graduate of Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, N.Y.

He was born Nov. 26, 1947, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Eugene and Maria (Dietz) Rilling.

He is survived by a son, Christopher Rilling of Vorhees, N.J., three daughters, Jennifer Rilling of Huntington Beach, Calif., Kathi Rilling of Glendale, N.Y., and Jahna Roberts of Auburn; a sister, Maria Kovacs of Livermore, Maine; two grandchildren, Ashton and Kyle; his stepparents, Oscar and Carol Coe of Rome City; a special friend Penny Scherrer; seven stepbrothers; and three stepsisters.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler, with Pastor Darrol Heggen officiating.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, August 16, 2003

Rachel Westerfield

AUBURN — Rachel M. Westerfield, 86, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at her home.

She was a homemaker and had worked at the Torans factory in Rochester.

She was born July 17, 1917, in Mitchell, Ind., to Frank and Nora (Elrod) Westerfield.

She married Cecil Clyod in 1932. He died in 1959.

Surviving are a daughter, Wanda R. Beukma of Auburn; a stepbrother, Robert Cox of Avoca, Ind., a half-brother, Frank Westerfield of Bedford; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a stepbrother, a sister and two grandsons.

There will be no funeral service or calling. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Surfus

AUBURN — Anna M. Surfus, 102, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She taught in Garrett-Keyser-Butler schools and other DeKalb County schools for 40 years, retiring in 1976.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church. She also attended the Maple Grove United Methodist Church near Corunna and taught Sunday School there for many years. She was a member of the DeKalb County Teachers Association.

Mrs. Surfus

Mrs. Surfus was born May 19, 1901, in Garrett to Gottlieb and Marie (Schmidt) Maurer.

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1920 and graduated from Tri-State College in 1922 with a teacher's certificate. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Francis in 1958.

She married John B. Surfus in 1923. He died in 1958.

She is survived by a son, John Surfus of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., two daughters, Marie Surfus Wappes of Fort Myers, Fla., and Joan Hicks of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Violet Surfus of Auburn; five grandchildren, Sheryl Stallman, Tim Wappes, Julie Wappes Lynch, Dr. B. Matthew Hicks and Jonathan Hicks; nine great-grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Oliver and Herbert Maurer, a sister, Gertrude Swander, a son, Franklin Surfus, and a stepson, Robert Surfus.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in the Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Saturday, August 16 , 2003

Ellen Gobel

BUTLER — Ellen E. Davis Gobel, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at 2:45 p.m., at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Gobel was a teacher in DeKalb Eastern schools for 15 years, retiring in 1974. She was a life member of the National Education Association and a member of the DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, knitting, church activities, reading and music.

She was born April 6, 1912, in Wabash to the Rev. Charles and Blanche (Putnam) Davis.

When she was 13, her family moved to California, where she completed high school and two years of college. While working her way through college, for the Harold Bearce family, she met her future husband, Raymond Gobel, and his son, Robert Gobel.

On July 24, 1932, in Ventura, Calif., she married Raymond Gobel.

When she was in her mid-30s, the family followed the Bearces to West Virginia to start a chemical factory. They lived there for 22 years and had two children.

At the age of 40, she returned to school at Marshall College in Huntington, W. Va. She received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education, with honors, and began her teaching career.

In 1957 the family returned to Indiana and made their home in Butler.

While teaching at South Charleston, W. Va., and in Spencerville, Hamilton and Butler, Mrs. Gobel completed her master's degree in elementary education at Ball State University and then became a reading specialist.

She enjoyed crafts, sewing, knitting, church activities, reading and music.

She spent her final 10 years in nursing homes and thanked her friends for their enjoyable visits, cars and phone calls.

Surviving are a son, Robert E. Gobel of Scott Depot, W. Va., a daughter, Mary E. Morris of Butler; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband (in 1983), a son, Harold Gobel, and two brothers, Herman Davis and Roland W. Davis.

Private services were held Friday. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Eastern Schools Literacy Collaborative or Indiana United Methodist Children's Home.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, was in charge of arrangements.

Edward Edwards

ALBION — Edward L. Edwards, 66, was pronounced dead on arrival at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur at 4:01 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003.

Mr. Edwards

Mr. Edwards was employed for 40 years with the Indiana Department of Transportation and retired earlier this year as a landscaping supervisor. He was veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Merriam Christian Chapel, who enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing horseshoes.

He was born on May 23, 1937, in Noble County to Fed and Elsie (Brackney) Edwards. He graduated from Albion High School in 1956 and attended Tri-State University. He married Mary Lois Bair on Sept. 17, 1960, in Massachusetts. The couple lived all their married life in Noble Township. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Craig Edwards of Wolcottville, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Philip Edwards, and a sister, Beth Young.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Merriam Christian Chapel. Pastors Terry L. Zolman and Steve Pulley will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel building fund. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Irene Benanti

HUDSON — Irene G. Benanti, 86, died at 3:10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Benanti worked for five years as a cost estimator at General Electric during World War II and was involved with foster care for over 20 years in Fort Wayne and Hudson. She was a member of the Eagles R.E.A.E., First Families of Ohio, Ohio Genealogical Society, Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate, St. Jude League, Mothers of World War II, Stroh Homemakers, St. Mary's Alter and Rosary Sodality and St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church in Hudson. She was also a secular Franciscan, a leader of 4-H and Brownies and a life member of C.B.I. and D.A.V. auxiliary Elmer Pond.

Mrs. Benanti

She was born Jan. 18, 1917, in Cheyenne, Wyo., to John and Edna Abigail (Piatt) Carpenter. She married Joseph C. Benanti on July 20, 1940. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1978.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Joseph C. Benanti III; a daughter, Sylvia Mae Benanti; and a brother, Alden B. Carpenter.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lyngail and John Schwarz of rural Hudson; five grandchildren, Mary Schwarz, Sarah Culler, John Schwarz Jr., David Schwarz and Shawn Bartels; and three great-grandchildren, Sarah Bartels, Abigail Bartels and Thomas Hunt.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Hudson. Father Phil Ley will officiate. Burial will be at a graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Memorials are to Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Judith Lint

AUBURN — Judith A. Lint, 62, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lint was a homemaker and worked several years at Auburn Presbyterian Day Care. She was born Nov. 21, 1940, in Auburn to George Boren Jr. and Geraldine (Brown) Clark. She married Richard Lint on Aug. 5, 1961, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother; three daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa Jones and Robin Martin, both of Auburn, and Tara and Paul Sare of Wabash; four brothers, Jerry Boren of Naples, Fla., Robert Kester of Carmel and Jack Clark and Danny Boren, both of Auburn; two sisters, Carolyn Schlup of Fort Wayne and Clara Haiflich of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Rachael Martin, Christopher Jones, Colin Jones, Seth Sare, Katelin Sare and Taylor Sare.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, who died in infancy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Kurt Stout will officiate. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Anna Surfus

AUBURN — Anna M. Surfus, 102, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She taught in Garrett-Keyser-Butler schools and other DeKalb County schools for 40 years, retiring in 1976.

Mrs. Surfus

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church. She also attended the Maple Grove United Methodist Church near Corunna and taught Sunday School there for many years. She was a member of the DeKalb County Teachers Association.

Mrs. Surfus was born May 19, 1901, in Garrett to Gottlieb and Marie (Schmidt) Maurer.

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1920 and graduated from Tri-State College in 1922 with a teacher's certificate. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Francis in 1958.

She married John B. Surfus in 1923. He died in 1958.

She is survived by a son, John Surfus of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., two daughters, Marie Surfus Wappes of Fort Myers, Fla., and Joan Hicks of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Violet Surfus of Auburn; five grandchildren, Sheryl Stallman, Tim Wappes, Julie Wappes Lynch, Dr. B. Matthew Hicks and Jonathan Hicks; nine great-grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Oliver and Herbert Maurer, a sister, Gertrude Swander, a son, Franklin Surfus, and a stepson, Robert Surfus.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in the Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Judith Lint

AUBURN — Judith A. Lint, 62, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lint was a homemaker and worked several years at Auburn Presbyterian Day Care.

Mrs. Lint

She was born Nov. 21, 1940, in Auburn to George Boren Jr. and Geraldine (Brown) Clark. Her mother survives.

She married Richard Lint on Aug. 5, 1961, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa Jones and Robin Martin, both of Auburn, and Tara and Paul Sare of Wabash; four brothers, Jerry Boren of Naples, Fla., Robert Kester of Carmel and Jack Clark and Danny Boren, both of Auburn; two sisters, Carolyn Schlup of Fort Wayne and Clara Haiflich of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Rachael Martin, Christopher Jones, Colin Jones, Seth Sare, Katelin Sare and Taylor Sare.

She was preceded in death by two sisters who died in infancy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Kurt Stout will officiate. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Andrew Mauk

FREMONT — Andrew "Andy" James Mauk, 20, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, in Carroll County as a result of an automobile accident.

He was a student at Purdue University, West Lafayette, where he was studying building construction management.

A 2001 Fremont High School graduate, he was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church, Sigma Pi Fraternity and the Purdue University Crew Rowing Club.

He was a recipient of the Max L. Mitchell Sportsmanship Award and participated in football, wrestling and baseball. He enjoyed being with friends and being on the lake, jet-skiing and wakeboarding.

Mr. Mauk was born March 26, 1983, in Angola, to Greg and Dr. Susan J. (Halt) Mauk, who both survive in Fremont.

Also surviving are a sister, Melissa Lynn Mauk of Fremont; his maternal grandparents, Elmer and Joyce Halt of North Liberty; and paternal grandparents, Garford and Carol Mauk of Fredricksburg, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Maralee Mauk, and a sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Fremont United Methodist Church, 105 N. Tolford St., with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Fremont Athletics, c/o Fremont Community Schools, P.O. Box 655, Fremont IN 46737, or Fremont United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 653, Fremont IN 46737.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Fremont Winchell

COLDWATER, Mich. — Fremont Junior Winchell, 66, of Coldwater, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

A World War II veteran, he belonged to the American Legion post and the Elks Lodge in Hillsdale, Mich. He graduated from Hillsdale High School.

He had been employed as a purchasing agent at Wolverine Gear and Contour Plastics Co. and retired from Profile Extrusion Co. in Coldwater.

He was born June 28, 1937, in Woodbridge Township, Mich., to John and Ida (Williams) Winchell.

He married Sandra Rathert on Dec. 14, 1963. She died in 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Tom Hemker of Coldwater, Amy and David Reade of Coldwater and Teressa and Robert Ballard of Tekonsha, Mich.; three sisters, Ima Spahr and Rosie Northrup, both of Hillsdale, and Judy Sines of Pittsford, Mich.; four brothers, Louis of Mount Pleasant, Mich., and Andrew, Jack and Ronnie, all of Hillsdale; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Doreen, and an infant brother.

Services were held Wednesday at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy, Mich., with Pastor Mark Case officiating. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery of Quincy.

Memorials may be made to the Spirit of Quincy Courtyard Fund.

Woodrow Underwood

MILLERSBURG — Woodrow "Woody" Underwood, 54, died Monday, Aug. 18, 2003, at 7:25 a.m. in Goshen General Hospital, where he had been a patient 10 days.

Mr. Underwood was a professional truck driver and enjoyed composing music and making Native American Indian crafts.

He was born Oct. 7, 1948, in Bearwallow, W.Va., to Newt and Verna (Johnson) Underwood.

He married Linda Allen on Aug. 31, 1970, in Grundy, W.Va. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Samantha, at home; four sisters, Wanda Bowman of Raysal, W.Va., Janice Underwood of Garrett, Rita Arnold of South Milford, and Charlotte Sovel of Auburn; and two brothers, Roger Underwood of Auburn and Darrell Bowman of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lorene; and two brothers, Gilbert and Thurman.

Calling is after 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, where a time of remembrance will begin at 7 p.m. Burial will be in Paynesville, W.Va.

Memorials are to the Samantha Underwood College Fund.

William Steiner

WABASH — William "Bill" Steiner, 79, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, at 7 a.m. at his daughter's home in Butler.

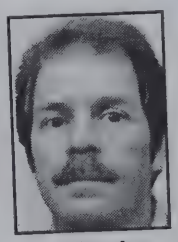
Arrangements are pending at the McDonald Funeral Home, Lafontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main St., Lafontaine.

Frank 'Tom' Wood

BUTLER — Frank "Tom" Wood, 61, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Wood worked at Airway Manufacturing in Auburn for seven years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1959 to 1963.

He was born April 20, 1942, in Davenport, Iowa, to Francis and Lillian (Hartley) Wood.



Mr. Wood

Surviving are his wife, Rosa; four sons and one daughter-in-law, Raymond Wood of Orland, Sam Wood and Joe Wood of Butler and Mike and Crystal Wood of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Maria and Mike Badger of Angola and Debbie and Scott Turner of Douglasville, Ga.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dwayne and Kay Wood of Fremont, Jim and Mary Wood of Howe and John and Barbara Wood of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Barbara Teeters of Fremont and Dorothy Bodine of Edon, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren, Dustin, Joshua, Austin, Destony and Shaly Wood, Jacob and Jace Badger, and Brad, Bruce and Brittney Turner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Cecil Zimmerman and the Rev. Quinton Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with graveside services by the Butler post of the American Legion.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

William Steiner

WABASH — William "Bill" Deane Steiner, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at 7 a.m. at the home of his daughter, Dr. Shannon L. Arnett, in Butler.

Mr. Steiner was a public music teacher for 39 years and a member of the St. Matthews United Church of Christ in Wabash.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the USS Mitchell. His memberships included Lions International (a 50-year member), American Federation of Musicians, National Education Association of Indiana, Retired Teachers, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Kappa International, American Choral Directors Association, National Band Association, MENC Music Educators, and the International Association for Jazz Education.

He was a graduate of Bowling Green State University and Indiana University and attended the Fred Waring Chorale Workshop in Pennsylvania.

His 39-year teaching career began in Wayne, Ohio, and included Westview High School, where he was the band director for two years. Crystal Gayle was a member of his singing group at Wabash High School.

He was born June 26, 1924, at Pandora, Ohio, to William H. and Idonaa (Trout) Steiner.

On Dec. 21, 1945, he married Grace Lewis, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kendallville dentist Dr. Shannon L. Arnett and Jeffrey Arnett, both of Butler; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Kurt Steiner of Albany, Ga., Deane and Sue Steiner of Kokomo, and Shawn Steiner of Burbank, Calif.; one sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Robert Goldsberry of Elkhorn, Wisc.; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A music celebration will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Matthews United Church of Christ, with grandson Ted Troxell officiating.

Calling is from Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the music fund of St. Matthews United Church of Christ.

McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Barfell

GARRETT — Carol J. Barfell, 61, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a member of Dayspring Community Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 11, 1941, in Indiana to Harvey and Alice (Bridwell) Barfell. They preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Dayspring Community Church. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Alverta Ruckman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Alverta Elizabeth Ruckman, 83, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003, at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ruckman was retired from the 50th Corp. of Bryan, Ohio, and was a member and organist of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. She sang with the Senior Saints of Grabill Missionary church, volunteered at Sauder Village at Archbold, Ohio, and was a member of the LaFleur de Terre Garden Club. She graduated from Harlan High School. She was famous for her pies.

She was born July 26, 1920, at Hicksville to Glenn and Emma (Rohrs) Sholl.

She married Ancil Ruckman in 1938 in Churubusco.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Charles Heiser of Fort Wayne; a brother, Walter Sholl of Hicksville; four grandsons, Perry Johnson, Charles Heiser Jr., Bradford Heiser and Stewart Ruckman; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; a son, Gary Ruckman; a daughter, Peggy Johnson; and one grandson, Kit Johnson.

Services will be at 10 a.m.(Indiana time) Saturday at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Tom Graves of the Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is at the funeral home Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. (Indiana time) and one hour before the service on Saturday.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Thursday, August 21, 2003

B. Lionel Silvarman

AUBURN — B. Lionel Silvarman, 71, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, at his home.

Born in Detroit, Mich., he was employed at Fruehauf Trailer Co. for 21 years, retiring in 1987. He also worked at Taylor Rental in Auburn for three years.

Mr. Silvarman was a Kiwanis president and lieutenant governor, a Boy Scout scoutmaster, adviser and district chairman of the Order of the Arrow Chapter and was a Mason and a Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon of Auburn; a son, Richard of Auburn; a daughter, Beth Burke of Fishers; a brother-in-law, Duane DuCharme of Columbia City; and four grandchildren, Myles Burke and Avery Burke, both of Fishers, and Braxton Silvarman and Xavier Carpenter, both of Auburn.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling is from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Kiwanis services will take place at 1:30 p.m. and Masonic services will be conducted at 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Kiwanis Club.

Friday, August 22, 2003

Brenda Nester

FREMONT — Brenda J. Nester, 59, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, following a one-year illness.

Mrs. Nester was a homemaker and a member of the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was born June 22, 1944, in Marion to William E. and Alice D. (Finch) Hawkins.

She married Franklin Delano Nester on Jan. 29, 1963, in Monroe, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bradley D. and Lori Nester of Fremont and David W. Nester of Friendshipwood, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Terry Scott of Fremont; two grandchildren, Autumn and Cami Scott; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Vicky and Gary Gallagher of Montpelier, Ohio, RuAnna and Ron Lackey and Sue and Al Best, all of Cairo, Ohio; and five brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Jane Hawkins and Doug and Anita Hawkins, all of Edon, Ohio; Rex and Donna Hawkins and Fred and Shirley Hawkins, all of Cairo; and Kevin and Penny Hawkins of Fremont.

Services will be held at a later date at the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery near Angola.

Condolences may be sent to Nesterfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Clayton Schultz

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Clayton Carl Schultz, 81, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Schultz was a plumber for General Electric, retiring in 1970 after 30 years. He was the former owner of the Traces in Time Antique Shop in Leo-Cedarville.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 409, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1421 and the Waynedale and Leo Masonic Lodges.

He was born March 6, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Clayton C. Schultz Sr. and Louise A. (Small) Schultz.

He married Peggy Cramer on Oct. 17, 1952, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Shirley Schultz of Fort Wayne, and Charles and Linda Schultz of Port Orchard, Wash.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Susan and John Treager of Arnold, Mo., and Denise Bauserman of Monroeville; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Betty Schultz of Lakeside, Calif.; and a sister, Eileen King of Alachua, Fla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military honors.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home. Masonic services wil be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc., 4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne IN 46806, or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave. Suite 20, Fort Wayne IN 46805.

August 23, 2003

No Deaths listed

Sunday, August 24, 2003

Robert Boots

HUDSON — Robert V. Boots, 87, of Hudson, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Boots was born to Clyde and Mary Boots in Salem Township on Aug. 30, 1915.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1934, marrying Byrdena Alleshouse on July 18, 1937, in Angola. He worked as a self-employed farmer.

Mr. Boots was a charter member of the Salem Center Fire Department and a member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau and Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Byrdena Boots, in Hudson; three sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Barbara Boots of Howe, Vance Boots and Marynelle Keller of Hudson and Eric and Joanne Boots of Hudson; 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Russell Boots, and a brother, Kenyon Boots.

Services will be at Salem Center Presbyterian Church on Tuesday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Howard G. Compton will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Visitation is on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to Salem Center Fire Rescue and Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

This obituary is being republished with corrected information.

Lois Hetrick

KENDALLVILLE — Lois A. Hetrick, 90, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at the Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She was born to Charles and Alberta (Campbell) Daggett on Dec. 12, 1912, in Durango, Colo.

She married Don Wyckoff and after his death married Orville Hetrick. Both husbands preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hetrick was a homemaker and had worked in the office of Boystown, Neb.

She is survived by a daughter, Pat Reade of Kendallville; and other relatives, Jodie Speheger of Kendallville, David Reade of Muncie, Rex Reade of Albany, Jill Benson of Narvon Pa., and Robert, David and Tammy Wyckoff of League City, Texas.

One son, George Wyckoff, preceded her in death.

There will be no visitation or services. Burial will be at a later date.

Send condolences or sign the online guest register at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Grush

ST. JOE — John F. Grush, 79, died Saturday morning at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born to Charles D. and Iva (Young) Grush on Jan. 12, 1924, in Fort Wayne.

He married Mary (Boyd) Swary on June 17, 1989, in the Concord United Methodist Church.

Mr. Grush retired from Dana after 40 years as a gear tester. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and the Dana Sympathy Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of St. Joe; six sons, Michael Grush of Fort Wayne, Patrick Grush of Spencerville, Peter Grush and Paul Grush, both of Grabill, and Mark Grush and David Grush, both of Leo; two stepsons James Swary of St. Joe and Michael Swary of Auburn; nine grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two previous wives, Patricia Grush in 1960 and Helen Grush in 1988; and a half-brother, Ivan Sincoe, in 1960.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Burial will be in South Whitley.

Memorial are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

August 25, 2003

No deaths listed

Dan Christner

SODDY DAISY, Tenn. — Dan Christner, 56, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Christner was a consultant in long-term disability claims at UNUM Providant Co. and was active in church and sports activities. While living in Fort Wayne, he was involved with the Living Cross at Calvary Temple and had coached youth basketball and Little League baseball in Auburn. He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Tennessee.

He was born Sept. 3, 1946, in Peru, Ind., to Carl and Norma (Geberin) Christner.

Surviving are his wife, Sherry (Houck) Christner, in Soddy Daisy; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Tracey Christner of Lebanon, Ind., and Mike and Terri Christner of Avilla; two daughters, Jennifer and Lori Christner of Soddy Daisy; three grandchildren; three brothers, Larry Christner of Warsaw, Garry Christner of Peru, Ind., and Jon Christner of Dayton, Ohio; and a sister, Ronda Troxel of South Bend.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Calvary Temple, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Concordia Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Central Baptist TV Ministry, Hixson, Tenn.

Norma Sieger

BRONSON, Mich. — Norma Sieger, 89, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Sieger was retired from Douglas Manufacturing Co. after 46 years of service. She was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Burr Oak and the Branch County Historical Society.

She was born Feb. 13, 1914, in St. Joseph County, Mich., to Herman and Bertha (Schrader) Frohriep.

Her husband, Clyde Sieger, died in 1978.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and David Maher of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burr Oak, Mich., with Pastor Kurt Kuhlman officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to the funeral home Web site at www.kolcz.com.

Ann Reed

FORT WAYNE — Ann Iva Grodrian Reed, 91, died Aug. 11, 2003, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reed was a homemaker and a member of the Waynedale United Methodist Church. She enjoyed and was active in square dancing and enjoyed traveling.

She was born April 4, 1912, in Whitley County.

Her husband of 62 years, Waldo Emerson Reed, died in 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald E. and Sandy Reed of Fort Wayne; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Russell and Marilyn Reed of Churubusco; and a great-granddaughter, Alexandrea Ann Reed.

A memorial service was held Aug. 23 at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorials are to the Waynedale United Methodist Church or Covington Manor's activity department.

Donna Barker

KENDALLVILLE — Donna Marie Barker, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Barker

She was a homemaker and a volunteer for the American Red Cross Bloodmobile program in Kendallville and a member of and volunteer for the American Lung Association.

Mrs. Barker was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church and the Charm and Chatter Home Economics Club.

She was born Nov. 30, 1921, to Ross and Gertrude (Linhart) Cochard in Fostoria, Ohio.

On Feb. 16, 1945, she married Richard L. Barker. He died Dec. 17, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa Kay and Wayne Hasselman of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald R. and Jami Barker of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Matthew and Amy Hasselman of Fort Wayne and Daniel Hasselman of Pretty Lake; a granddaughter, Brianna Barker of Fort Wayne; two great-grandsons, Dakoyta and Lane Hasselman; and four brothers, DeWitt Cochard of Auburn, Rex Cochard of Fort Wayne, C.C. Cochard of Greenfield and George Cochard of Fortville.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Robert and Willis Cochard.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Send e-mail condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Anna Grogg

LAOTTO — Ruth Anna Grogg, 87, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003 at 8:36 a.m. at her home in Butler Township in southwestern DeKalb County. She had been in declining health for the past several months.

Mrs. Grogg

Mrs. Grogg was a homemaker and farm wife all of her life. She also had been employed in the maintenance department of Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools for 19 years.

She was born July 28, 1916, in Perry Township in Allen County to Gust and Margaret Kugler Bracht. She spent her formative years in the Huntertown area.

On Sept. 3, 1935 she married Argyl W. Grogg in Spencerville and spent all of her married life in Butler Township. The couple had lived at their present home since 1945. Her husband preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phil A. and Carol Grogg of Fort Wayne and Joseph L. Grogg of rural LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Morris H. and Leona Bracht of Huntertown; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Bernice Bryie of Huntertown, Mary Alice Norford of Troy, Mich., and Helen and William Gresham of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Donna Mae Grogg, in 1938.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Kathy Thompson, pastor of Altarstar United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneral-home.com.

Friday August 29, 2003

Justin Smith

FORT WAYNE — Justin E. Smith, 11, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital from injuries suffered when he was struck by a semi.

He was a sixth-grade student at New Haven Middle School and had attended New Haven Elementary School.

Surviving are his parents, Chad and Kandie Smith of New Haven; one brother, Tommy, at home; one sister, Savannah, at home; his maternal grandmother, Pam Daring of Fort Wayne; his maternal grandfather and step-grandmother, Robert and Jerri Daring of Fort Myers, Fla.; a paternal grandmother, Mauree Smith of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandfather and stepgrandmother, Donald and Elizabeth Smith of Fort Myers, Fla.; a great-grandmother, Betty Till of Auburn; and great-grandparents Robert and Jacquline Daring of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Don and Melinda Smith of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family.

Lois Bercaw

BUTLER — Lois O. Bercaw, 84, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mrs. Bercaw

Mrs. Bercaw was a graduate of Butler High School. She had worked at Marshal Clothing for several years, served as a Cub Scout den mother, was a long-time member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and was a past president of the Butler Business and Professional Women.

A member of the Butler United Methodist Church, she was treasurer of the United Methodist Women for many years.

She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born March 16, 1919, in Butler, to Clarence and Leta (Shafer) Buttermore.

She married Dick C. Bercaw on April 13, 1941, in Butler. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jack N. and Elaine M. Bercaw of Fremont, Randy L. and Sally J. Bercaw of Butler, and Rex D. and Kristine K. Bercaw of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Kristin Bercaw, Damon Bercaw, Lauri Emenhiser, Greg Bercaw, Alison Bercaw and Jacquelyn Bercaw.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were two brothers, Howard and Millard Buttermore, and a sister, Helen Hoff.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dan Eckart officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the Eastside Foundation Dick and Lois Bercaw Scholarship Fund or to Junior Achievement for the benefit of DeKalb Eastern Schools.

Friday, August 29, 2003

Lawrence Wible

AUBURN — Lawrence L. "Larry" Wible, 83, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wible

Mr. Wible owned and operated Wible Real Estate in Auburn for 29 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, a former member and past president of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board of directors, a member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club, a former chairman of the United Fund/United Way of DeKalb County and the 1957 state chairman of the Lions Club.

He belonged to the American Legion for 60 years.

He had served on the local YMCA board of directors for 16 years and was a past president. He was a former member of the DeKalb Central school board.

Mr. Wible earned an associate's degree from Fort Wayne International Business College.

He was born April 23, 1920, in Kendallville to Ralph and Bernice (Smith) Wible.

Surviving are his wife, Annette (Bender) Chrisman Wible; two sons, David L. Wible of Garrett and William Wible of Auburn; a stepson, Steven Chrisman of Fishers; a daughter, Carole Wheeler of Salt Lake City; a stepdaughter, Susan Bury of Toronto, Canada; six grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Iris, who died in 1980; a son, James Wible; and a sister, Evelyn Oberlin.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Matthew Moughler

WATERLOO — Matthew A. Moughler, 16, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn from injuries sustained in a pickup truck crash Friday morning.

A sophomore student at Hamilton High School, he was a very active young man and loved sports.

He was born June 28, 1987, in Auburn to Kevin and Janet (McKown) Moughler. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a brother, Jacob L. Moughler of Waterloo; grandparents Larry and Sharon McKown of Fort Wayne and Raymond and Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; five aunts and five uncles.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Janette McKown.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton High School Athletic Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dale Calvin

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Dale L. Calvin, 88, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at Community Hospital of Williams County.

He had retired from the village of Montpelier water plant in 1982 after 17 years as a licensed water plant operator. He had owned and operated the Pure Oil service station in Montpelier for about 20 years and previously worked at the Montpelier Creamery 17 years.

He was born March 5, 1915, in Edon, Ohio, to Park and Mary (Wiseman) Calvin.

Mr. Calvin married Arlene H. Shannon Feb. 6, 1937, in Bryan, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Jim Joseph of Napoleon, Ohio, and Jean and Ron Zion of Englewood, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Linda Calvin of Hamilton; one sister, Idella Durbin of Montgomery, Mich.; nine grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and five step grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a son, Richard; a daughter, Connie; and two sisters, Florence Grant and Bessie Huber.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Rev. Father Fred J. Duschl officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier. Memorials are to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church or the Montpelier Rehabilitation Center.

Sunday, August 31, 2003

Barbara Cline

LAGRANGE — Barbara (Bobbie) S. (Spero) Cline, 83, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at Millers Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Cline, who lived in Springfield Township in LaGrange County most of her life, attended Brushy Prairie Elementary School and Springfield Township High School in Mongo. She continued her education at Wayne University of Comestology in Fort Wayne and became a beautician. She later lived in Fort Wayne and was employed at General Electric before moving back to the farm near Brushy Prairie. For a short time, she worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, but resigned to help with the farm operation and become a homemaker and mother.

She was a member of the Red Cross and served as chairperson for the Blood Mobile at Prairie Heights School for 11 years. She was also a member of the East Springfield United Methodist Church, serving as treasurer and Sunday School teacher for many years.

She was born May 15, 1920, to Guy Hamilton and Lola (Smith) Spero.

She married Hubert M. Cline on June 1, 1940, in Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Franz Spero.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters and son-in-laws, Mrs. Gary (SaraJo) Levitz of LaGrange and Mrs. Paul (Marilyn Jean) Lauver of Shipshewana; five grandchildren, Mrs. Jason (Rachel) Shively of Hartford City, Ryan Charles Levitz of the U.S. Army stationed in Kuwait, Reed Monroe Levitz of LaGrange, Joel David Lauver of Indianapolis and Lindsay Elizabeth of Bloomington; one niece, Mrs. John (Susie) Clifton of Kendallville; one nephew, Larry Spero of LaGrange.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Burial will be at East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to East Springfield Methodist Church.

Clela Dickerson

WATERLOO — Clela J. Dickerson, 70, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at her home.

She worked for EMF of Hamilton, where she retired in 1998.

She was born July 25, 1933 in Otsego, to Ralph and Pauline (Petre) Schieber.

She married Virgil Troyer in 1952 in Auburn.He preceded her in death in 1960.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Jack and Wendall Schieber, and sister, Josephine Orten.

Surviving are a son, Randy Troyer of Ashley; a daughter, Patricia Whitaker of Auburn; four brothers, Karl Schieber o Auburn, Enos Schieber of Angola, Donald Schieber of Ashley, and Larry Schieber of Salem; two sisters, Lilly of Mishawaka, and Judy DeLong of Fremont; two grandchildrei Brian Whitaker and Tanicka Whitacker; three greatgrandchildren, Ciera Hoemig, Autumn Clela Whitaker and Dylan Moore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, conductin will be Chaplin Paul Marki.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Feller Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Bernice Reynolds

ANGOLA — Bernice Maxine Reynolds, 83, died Friday, August 29, 2003, at her home.

She was a homemaker and mother.

She was born February 8, 1920, in Steuben County to Grover Cleveland and Mabel (Fife) Rose.

She married Jess Reynolds on Nov. 30, 1941.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother, William Rose.

Surviving are five sons, Jerry Reynolds of Churubusco, Gary Reynolds and Robert Reynolds of Angola, Max Reynolds and Richard Reynolds of Fremont; one sister, Ilene "Rosie" Deller of Fremont; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Ken Butz officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association or American Heart Association.

Sandy Riner

ANGOLA — Sandy Riner, 81, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at his home in Florida.

He had formerly lived in Angola before moving to Florida and was employed as a general manager at Mishawaka Trailer Supply.

He was born July 22, 1922, in South Bend to Orville and Bessie May (Milliken) Riner. He married Eunice (Hanke) Riner on January 29, 1960.

A WWII Army-Air Force Veteran, he was a member of the South Bend Masonic Lodge #45; Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend; Sahib Temple Shrine Center in Saratoga, Fla.; Meritorious Member; National 4 String Banjo Hall of Fame Museum in Guthrie, Okla.; past president of Fettered Instrument Guild of America; and past president of Indiana Manufactured Housing Association.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Ollie Riner.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Rick Allen Riner of Orlando, Fla.; one daughter, Cheryl K. Bunday of Lakeland, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with visitation one hour before. The Rev. Lynn Rainsberger will be officiating.

Burial will be at Circle Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to Shriners Childrens Hospitals or Good Shepherd Hospice, 205 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, Fla., 33823.

Sunday, August 31, 2003

Miriam Maddock

KENDALLVILLE — Miriam K. Maddock, 99, died at 10:53 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she was admitted last Sunday.

She had been a resident at the Shepherd of the Hills Nursing Center for the past six months.

Mrs. Maddock

She graduated from Larwill High School in 1922 and lived in DeKalb, Maine and Whitley counties.

She was born March 25, 1904, in Altona to Rev. Perry B. and Jesse D. (Duling) Leach.

She married Scott W. Keisler on March 14, 1923. They made their home in Detroit, Colorado and Spencerville. He died in 1947.

In May 1948, she married Gilbert Leon Maddock. He died in November 1972. In July 1988 she moved to Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Lane D. Keisler; and a brother, George Dean Leach.

Surviving are a step son, Dr. Gene Maddock of St. Joseph, Mich., nieces and nephews.

Burial will take place at a later date at Fairmount Cemetery in Fairmount.

Memorials are to Christian Broadcasting Network.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Paul Ream

KENDALLVILLE — Paul F. Ream, 82, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at Eastern Ozarks Regional Hospital, Cherokee Village, Ark.

The former owner of Lewger Machine & Tool in Kendallville, Mr. Ream moved to Cherokee Village in 1986. He was a graduate of Rome City High School and was a former member of the Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Ream

He was born Sept. 23, 1920, in Fawn River, Mich., to Frank and Claris (Slack) Ream.

He married Ruth Runnestrand Oct. 31, 1942, in Churubusco. She preceded him in death on June 8, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Sue Ream of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Lloyd Sexton of Kendallville; two sisters, Dorothy Banks of Naples, Fla., and Betty June Ream of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Judy Ream of Montaque, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Beverly Ream of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife were a son, Rodney Ream; a brother, Robert Ream; and two sisters, Janice Benson and Ruth Walburn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with burial in Pretty Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Send condolences or sign the guest register at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Monday, September 1, 2003

No Deaths Listed

Myles Healy

BUTLER — Myles O. Healy, 63, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Healy had worked at Halex Co. in Hamilton, retiring in 2000. He was a member of the Eagles in Butler.

He was born April 17, 1940, in Butler, to Harvey Lafayette Healy and Signa Philo (Sindel) Healy.

He married Janet Bergstrom on June 3, 1961, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Margit Healy of Portland, Ore.; a daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Joe Brown of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Rosela and James DePew of Auburn; six grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place Friday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, conducted by the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Margery Templeton

HAMILTON — Margery J. Templeton, 77, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Templeton had been a secretary and a bartender. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, and was in several productions at Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater. She was a member of the Sweet Adelines.

She was born May 2, 1926, in Coldwater, Mich., to Charles H. and Carmen (Selby) Amaden. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are son, Howard "Nick" Macaluso of Jackson, Mich.; three daughters, Sandy (Richards) Gardner of Jackson, Susan (Richards) Hamman of Hamilton and Annette Sutton of Angola; a sister, Kay Appleberry of Quincy, Mich.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home Hamilton Chapel, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department or the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Mary Ritchey

ANGOLA — Mary Ritchey, 90, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Before her retirement, Mrs. Ritchey owned and operated her own hardware store in Bourbon. She served during World War II as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

She was born Nov. 1, 1912, in Howard County to Ora and Flora (Flynt) Lambert.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother in-law, Betty and Dr. Wayne Schrepferman of Hamilton and Annis Poland of Brownsburg; and 13 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Ritchey; three brothers, Reid, John and Ward Lambert, and two sisters, Edna Fryback and Catherine Lambert.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the activity room at Cameron Woods assisted living community, Angola, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Memorials are to Cameron Woods.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Gloria Whitt

OPP, Ala. — Gloria Jean Whitt, 33, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at her home.

She was a former resident of Indiana, where she was born April 28, 1970.

Surviving are her parents, Lonnie Eugene Whitt and Rose Mae Whitt, both of Opp; a brother, James Eugene Whitt of South Bend, and a grandmother, Loretta Forsythe of St. Mary's, Pa.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Wyatt Funeral Home at Opp.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church in Opp.

JoAnne Scattergood

AUBURN — JoAnne Scattergood, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne after a brief illness.

Mrs. Scattergood was a homemaker. She was a member of Zion 16 Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school and Bible school. She was a Richland Township 4-H leader and a member of the Richland Township Home Demonstration Club. She also was a member of TOPS in Garrett.

She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1948.

She was born Aug. 9, 1930, in DeKalb County to Clayton and Mae Hartman.

She married Wayne Scattergood on Feb. 12, 1950, in Zion 16 Lutheran Church. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Leabeth and Barry Smith of Auburn and Cindy Scattergood of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Rena Scattergood of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Amy and Sara Smith and Jason and Karl Scattergood.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with burial in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Zion 16 Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association, 5675 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

Marilee Cheek

BUTLER — Marilee Joanne Cheek, 78, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She had worked at Roger's Harvest House in Hamilton for six years, retiring in 1997.

She was born March 30, 1935, in DeKalb County to Shelda J. and Alta R. (Bonecutter) Ford.

Surviving are two daughters, Joanna James and Mary Mayard, both of Hamilton; a brother, Gerald W. "Budd" Ford of Baltimore, Md.; an uncle, Donald "Dean" Ford of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Eric James, Jennifer Palmerton, Jimmy James Jr. and Joetta Hagerty; and a great grandson, Matthew David J. Lee Palmerton.

Preceding her in death were her parents and an uncle, Todd Ford.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Richard Gearhart

EDON, Ohio — Richard F Gearhart, 80, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at 7:40 a.m. shortly, after admittance to Community Hospital of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Gearhart worked at Walz farms and was a plant manager for Custom Farm Service, which became Camel Farm Service, for 27 years. H was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 662 in Edon and the Edon Church o Christ. He graduated from Edon High School in 1940.

He was born Sept. 6, 192 near Edon to Edward F. and Mabel (Fix) Gearhart.

He married Evelyn M. VanZile on Sept. 22, 1944, i Metz and she survives.

Also surviving are two so and daughters-in-law, Lon David and Marilyn Gearhart Auburn and Leon James and Debbie Gearhart of Bryan, Ohio; a daughter, Janet Gearhart of Toledo, Ohio; si grandchildren and one great granddaughter; three brothe and two sisters-in-law, Larry and Louise Gearhart of Edo Daniel and Sue Gearhart of Pioneer, Ohio, and William Gearhart of Edon; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, "Connie" Sue and Willard Dewire of Hamilton and Fe Hemenway of Edon.

Preceding him in death v three brothers, Donald, Jac and W. Gene Gearhart.

Services will be Wednes at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Krill Funeral Home, 204 W Indiana St., Edon, with Pas Daniel Gallagher officiatin Burial will be in Edon Cemetery, with graveside military rites by the Edon p of the American Legion.

Calling is today from 1- and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ed Church of Christ or the American Legion post in E

Condolences may be se Gearhartfamily@krillfuner alservice.com.

Delaney Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Delaney Brown, 5, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at her home.

She was a kindergarten student at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn.

Miss Brown

She was born Dec. 8, 1997, in Auburn to Terry Lee and Margaret Ann "Peggy" (Crow) Brown.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Joshua and Diana Collins of Auburn; and a niece, Tanner Collins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Terry Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Terry Lee Brown, 49, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Brown was the owner and operator of Peppercorn Restaurant and Lounge in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 29, 1953, in Auburn to Elwood and Joyce (Engle) Brown. His mother survives in Auburn.

Mr. Brown

He married Margaret Ann "Peggy" Crow on Aug. 24, 1991, at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Diana Collins of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy K. and Robert Kessler of Auburn and Suzy M. and Gary Brewer of Bristol; and a grandchild, Tanner Collins.

He was preceded in death by his father; his wife; and a daughter, Delaney Brown.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Margaret Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret "Peggy" Brown, 48, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at her home.

She was the co-owner and operator of Peppercorn Restaurant and Lounge in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brown

She was born in Auburn Oct. 14, 1954, in St. Joe to Richard L. and Kathryn B. (Lanz) Crow. Her mother survives in St. Joe.

On Aug. 24, 1991, she married Terry Lee Brown at Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Diana Collins of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Keith "Andy" and Margie Crow of St. Joe, Patrick and Mary Crow of Spencerville, Dan and Amerida Crow of St. Joe and Mark and Donna Crow of St. Joe; and a grandchild, Tanner Collins.

She was preceded in death by her father; her husband; and a daughter, Delaney Brown.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Tuesday, September 2 , 2003

Amy Lou Clifton

PLEASANT LAKE —.Amy Lou Clifton, 68, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Clifton retired in 1995 after 17 years at Micromatic Textron in Angola.

She was born May 27, 1935, in Steuben County, to Irvin and Jessie Allen (Wysong) Mays.

She married to Floyd Clifton on May 18, 1974, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Herbert Clifton and John Clifton, both of Angola, and Ralph Johnson of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Greg Clifton of Duvall, United Arab Emirates; four daughters, Karen Sue Westrick of Angola, Diane Harness of Hamilton, Cindy Bryan of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Julie Morr of Pioneer, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Michelle Hull of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Penny King of Fort Wayne, Ruth Schwartz of Butler and Amber Carrick of Auburn; 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Kevin and Calvin Straw; and a sister, Beverly Fry.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Ernest Mumaw Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Ernest W. "Ernie" Mumaw Jr., 71, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mumaw

Mr. Mumaw retired in 1964 as a custodian for the Beech Grove School Corp. He was a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born May 14, 1932, in Indianapolis to Ernest and Dorothy (Fairfield) Mumaw Sr. His first wife, Charlotte Skaggs, died in 1980. He then married Donna Jean Frederick Acker on Dec. 10, 1983, in Kendallville and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Melody Ann and Danny Slone of Columbus, Ind.; two stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Rena Jean and Keith Brown of Fort Wayne and Rhonda Marie and Vern Ludy of Albion; a stepson, Randy E. Acker of Ashley; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James Earl Mumaw of Crown Point and David Lee and Phyllis Mumaw of LaPorte; a sister, Phyllis Joann Badger of Greenfield; a grandchild; and four stepgrandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, Lowell Edward Mumaw, and three sisters, Patricia Jean Preston, Helen Frances Mumaw and Helen Florence Macer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, in rural Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lamplighter in Kendallville.

This obituary is being republished to clarify information provided by the funeral home.

Myles Healy

BUTLER — Myles O. Healy, 63, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Healy had worked at Halex Co. in Hamilton, retiring in 2000. He was a member of the Eagles in Butler.

He was born April 17, 1940, in Butler. His parents were Harvey Lafayette Healy and Signa (Philo) Healy Sindel.

He married Janet Bergstrom on June 3, 1961, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Margit Healy of Portland, Ore.; a daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Joe Brown of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Rosella and James DePew of Auburn; six grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place Friday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, conducted by the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Marie Shaver

BUTLER — Marie P. Shaver, 94, of rural Butler, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing center in Kendallville, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Shaver worked in the meat market at Kaiser's Grocery in Butler for many years.

She was born May 5, 1909, in Petersburg, Ill., to Henry and Emilie (Zuhlke) Schober.

She married Floyd A. Shaver on March 28, 1936, in Edon, Ohio. He died July 3, 2001.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews, including Allen and Pat Osmun of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Schober, and one sister, Selma Silvius.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio. Pastor Dale Rabineau will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Calling is Thursday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Kenneth Sebert

AUBURN — Kenneth Sebert, 87, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Sebert had been a machinist at Warner Gear, retiring in 1980, and was a farmer. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion post in Auburn. He was a lifetime member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Corunna.

He was born Aug. 15, 1916, in DeKalb County to George and Evelyn Sebert.

He married June Dowend in March 1950, in Corunna. She died July 2, 1975.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy C. and Barb Rude of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Sande and Don Yarlot of Auburn; a brother, Dwight Sebert of Butler; a sister, Leah Hager of Leo; four grandchildren, Mike and Jeff Rude, Tisha Kruse and David Yarlot; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Sebert; and five brothers, Wayne, Park, Robert, Ralph and Ward Sebert.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Stuart Kruse and the Rev. Doug Barber will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Susan Wineland

BUTLER — Susan D. Wineland, 49, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at 12:55 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was born Aug. 1, 1954, in Butler, Pa., to William and Marianna (Cramer) Shull. Her mother is deceased and her father survives in Butler, Ind.

Also surviving are two sons, Tyler Cole and Burr Wineland, both of Butler; a daughter, Leah Wineland of Butler; two brothers, Scott Shull of Wolcottville and Steven Shull of Dallas; two sisters, Sandy Kinzer of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Shannon Koch of Butler; and a grandchild, Christopher L. Miller of Butler.

Services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being republished to correct information about a surviving relative.

Delaney Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Delaney Brown, 5, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at her home.

Miss Brown

She was a kindergarten student at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 8, 1997, in Auburn to Terry Lee and Margaret Ann "Peggy" (Crow) Brown.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Joshua and Diana Collins of Auburn; and a nephew, Tanner Collins.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

S. Ray Miller

ELKHART — A memorial service for S. Ray Miller, 75, who died last month in Deerfield Beach, Fla., has been planned for Saturday at the auto museum he founded.

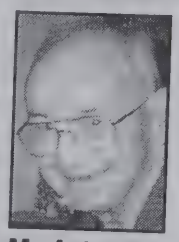
Mr. Miller founded the S. Ray Miller Auto Museum and was an avid collector of the vintage automobiles he displayed there. He made several contributions of vehicles to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn. He also was the founder of Atlas Steel Rule Die in Elkhart.

Friends and family members will share their memories of Mr. Miller at 5 p.m. Saturday during a service at the museum, 2130 W. Middlebury St., Elkhart. Doors will open at 4 p.m.

The museum he owned houses 39 vintage cars. It has been closed and for sale for about two years.

George Antrup

AVILLA — George Robert "Bob" Antrup, 82, died at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been ill one week.


Mr. Antrup

He moved to Avilla 20 years ago from Kendallville.

Mr. Antrup retired from Flint & Walling after 37 years as a machine shop foreman. He was a member of the Eagles in Butler and a World War II Army veteran.

He was born Jan. 10, 1921, in Corunna to Gordon Henry and Beulah Receal (Casselman) Antrup.

On Dec. 5, 1940, in LaGrange, he married Ann B. Kessler. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Antrup of Auburn, and Robert and Kay Antrup of Spencerville; a daughter, Lou Ann Antrup of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, James Antrup; a daughter, Virginia R. Stanley; and a sister, Aneta Kammerer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery north of Kendallville.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

JoAnne Garrison

KENDALLVILLE — JoAnne Garrison, 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Garrison was a graduate of Albion High School and worked as a checkout clerk at Kroger in Kendallville and Auburn for more than 25 years.

She was born Feb. 20, 1932, in Wolf Lake to Claude and Loena (Gandy) Surfus. Her mother survives in LaGrange.

She married Shirley Lee Garrison on Jan. 23, 1949, in Kendallville and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Alan Maxson of Kendallville, Peggy and William Oyer of Garrett, Patti and Paul Leathers of Rome City, and Sandy and David Davis of Park City, Utah; a sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Jim Eash of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery north of Kendallville.

Calling is from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being republished to provided additional information from the funeral home.

JoAnne Garrison

KENDALLVILLE — JoAnne Garrison, 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Garrison was a graduate of Albion High School and a checkout clerk at Kroger in Kendallville and Auburn for more than 25 years.

She was born Feb. 20, 1932, in Wolf Lake to Claude and Loena (Gandy) Surfus. Her mother survives in LaGrange.

She married Shirley Lee Garrison on Jan. 23, 1949, in Kendallville and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Alan Maxson of Kendallville, Peggy and William Oyer of Garrett, Patti and Paul Leathers of Rome City, and Sandy and David Davis of Park City, Utah; a sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Jim Eash of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1966 and a sister, Sherry Lang, in 1977.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ronald Hollopeter

ALBION — Ronald E. Hollopeter, 94, died at 10:35 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Mr. Hollopeter graduated from Arcola High School and was a farmer. He lived many years in Allen County and had resided in the rural Avilla area since the early 1970s. He was a member of the Dunfee IOOF.

He was born in DeKalb County on July 23, 1909, the son of Albert E. and Sylvia E. (Freeman) Hollopeter.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and James Crandal of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl, Everett, Frank and Maurice Hollopeter; and three sisters, Agnes Hargrove, Eleanor Richter and Martha Post.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Russell D. Shook of Risen Savior Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today.

Friday, September 5, 2003

Robert Ohlwine

FORT WAYNE — Robert Ohlwine, 43, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, at his home.

He was born April 20, 1960, in Coldwater, Mich., to Oscar and Marie Ohlwine.

He is survived by a son, Joshua Mountz; three cousins, Evelyn White of Fort Wayne, Nancy Strickland and Kenneth Rolling; and an aunt, Mary Leitch.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

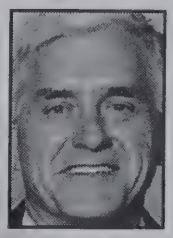
Services will be at 3 p.m. today at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Calling is from noon to 3 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Memorials are to the family.

Timothy Strabbing

ANGOLA — Timothy A. Strabbing, 52, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Strabbing

Born in Fort Wayne, he was self-employed with After Images Custom Embroidery. He was a 1970 graduate of Bishop Luers High School.

Mr. Strabbing was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and BNI; a past president of Project Help in Angola and a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Strabbing of Angola; two sons, Zachary A. Strabbing and Owen E. Strabbing, both of Angola; a stepson, Bob Warstler of Butler; three daughters, Aaron Coffee of Fort Wayne, Becky Yoder of Spencerville and Jenny Warstler of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, Brett, Zachary, Dylan, Shelby, Olivia, Mason and Evan; his mother, Naomi Strabbing of New Haven; two brothers, Bob Strabbing of Churubusco and Tom Strabbing of Ankeny, Iowa; and five sisters, Lyn Durkin of Columbus, Jan Rouch of New Haven, Patti Nichols of Churubusco, Chris Ottenweller of New Haven and Mary Gump of Huntertown.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur; a brother-in-law, Dan, and a nephew.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee St., Angola, with calling there from 9-10 a.m.

Additional calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a prayer service at 8:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Project Help and the family.

William Jones

FORT WAYNE — William S. "Buck" Jones, 84, died Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, at 1:05 a.m. in Heritage Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked as a machine operator at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 32 years, retiring in 1979.

Mr. Jones

He was born March 4, 1919, in Poneto to William T. and Enola (Baker) Jones.

He married Denise A. Legault in 1946 in Paris, France. She survives in Longmont, Colo.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philippe and Alice Jones of Garrett; a daughter, Kimberly R. Smith of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Kylee Jones and Jessica Jones, both of Hamilton, and Janell Franks of Garrett; three grandsons, Seth Jones and Chad Jones, both of Hamilton, and Jay Franks of Garrett; two great-granddaughters, Cassandra and Rachel Franks, both of Garrett; and one brother, Wendell Jones of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Eric Stoops officiating. The Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military honors at the funeral home.

Calling is Monday from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ralph Lee

LAKE PLACID, Fla. — Ralph Lee, 88, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2002 at the Lake Placid Hospital, Fla., hospital after a short illness.

He had retired from the Kellogg Co. in Battle Creek. Mich., and had lived in Lake Placid for the past 25 years.

He was born Feb. 9, 1915 in Bayou Meta, Ark., to John A. and Myrtle (Hardin) Lee.

He married Esther Sellars in 1969 in Battle Creek and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Patricia; a daughter, Sharlene Lister; two brothers, Robert and Donald, both of Auburn; four sisters, Theresa Smith of Auburn, Meda Brons of Harlingen, Texas, Thelma Funk of Hasty, Ark., and Carol Panyard of Jimmerson Lake; a stepson, a stepdaughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Richard Henry Funeral Home, Battle Creek, Mich.

Sunday, September 7, 2003

Robert Hensinger

GARRETT — Robert G. Hensinger, 67, died Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, in Garrett.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in Vietnam, and also served in the Marines during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He retired from the Air Force on July 30, 1974. He owned ACT Radiator Repair in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1996. He was a life member of the Garrett American Legion and VFW. He was also a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and a Garrett resident for 67 years.

He was born Aug. 15, 1936, in Fort Wayne, to Robert M. and Catherine D. (Stillwell) Hensinger. He married Roberta E. Eakle in Garrett Aug. 19, 1974, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert and William Hensinger of Garrett and David Denes of Auburn; two daughters, Susan Geiger of Hicksville, Ohio, and Denice High of Garrett; two brothers, Owen Hensinger of Kendallville and Raymond Hensinger of St. Joe; two sisters, Laura Lawhead of Garrett and Mable Campbell of Angola; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A son, Larry Hensinger, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military rites by the Garrett American Legion and VFW. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Arthur Hochstetler

TOPEKA — Arthur "Art" Jay Hochstetler, 79, of Topeka, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at home.

He was a farmer and lived his entire life in LaGrange County. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and spent his winters in Pinecraft at Sarasota, Fla., for 23 years.

He was born Nov. 27, 1923, in LaGrange County to Tobias M. and Martha (Troyer) Hochstetler. On Dec. 13, 1945, in LaGrange County, he married Elizabeth D. Frey, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Saraetta and David Miller of Pardeeville, Wis., Rosemary and Jerry J. Yoder of Wolcottville, Ruby and Kenneth Fry of Topeka and Annabelle Hochstetler of Sarasota, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Mary Hochstetler of Millersburg; four sons and daughters-in-law, Omer and Ida Hochstetler and Tobias "Tobe" and Elsie Hochstetler, all of Topeka, Calvin and Linda Hochstetler of Goshen and Ernest and Rosetta Hochstetler of Syracuse; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Suzanne and henry Wickey of Three Rivers, Mich., Elizabeth and Elton Miller of Dalton, Wis., Alma and Jerry Yoder of Burr Oak, Mich., Anna Mae and Ernest Miller of LaGrange and Alice and Perry Miller of Cambria, Wis.; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Omar and Barbara Hochstetler of Sturgis, Mich., LeRoy and Sally Hochstetler of Blackduck, Minn., Daniel Hochstetler of Tucson, Ariz., and Melvin Hochstetler of Payson, Ariz.; 42 grandchildren; and 64 great-grandchildren.

A son, Daniel Hochstetler, a grandson and a granddaughter preceded him in death.

Services will be at the David Troyer residence, 4140 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka, on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., with Bishop Samuel Herschberger and the home ministers officiating. Calling will be at the family residence after 1 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Sunday, September 7, 2003

Oma Keller

FREMONT — Oma H. Keller, 87, of Fremont, died at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, on Friday, Sept. 5, 2003.

She was a homemaker and a member of Dunnellon South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Dunnellon, Fla. She was also active in the Fremont congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, and began her involvment with the Jehovah's Witnesses in 1942. She enjoyed the outdoors and tending her cows. She lived in Hernando, Fla., but spent her summers in Fremont.

She was born Sept. 8, 1915, in Magoffin County, Ky., to John M. and Dora (Wireman) Howard. She married Cecil B. Coburn, and he preceded her in death in 1946. She then married David W. Keller, and he died March 22, 1989. Two sons, Cecil J. and and John M. Coburn, and a sister, Blancha Neely, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Joe E. Coburn of Hernando, Fla., and Ronald D. Keller of Fremont; a stepson, William E. Keller of West Unity, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2725 S.R. 827, Angola, with Robert Blue officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont. Memorials are to the World Wide Work of Jehovah's Witness, in care of P.O. Box 925, Fremont, IN 46737. Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Felty Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Felty S. Yoder Jr., 48, of San Diego, Calif., died Friday, Sept. 5 at Government Medical Center V.A. Hospital in San Diego, where he had been a patient for 10 months.

He had worked at several jobs while living in California.

Mr. Yoder

He was born Oct. 25, 1954, in Goshen, to Felty S. and Lydia (Bontrager) Yoder, and his mother survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Clara Mae and Lonnie Yoder of Glen Haven, Wis., Gertie and Charles Hawks of Bristol and Ruby Eash of Shipshewana; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Adin and Anne Yoder of Middlebury, Will and Gail and Olen and Treva Yoder, all of Goshen, and Harry Yoder of Bristol; 12 nieces; and 14 nephews.

A brother, Merle Yoder, a brother-in-law, Harvey Eash, a nephew, Timothy Hawks and a niece, Michelle Yoder, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury, with the Rev. Mel Shetler officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Norma Schlosser

ANGOLA — Norma Schlosser, 66, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at her home on Golden Lake.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was born Sept. 25, 1936, in Auburn to Elden and Ruth (Friend) Hohman.

On July 27, 1957, she married DeWayne Schlosser. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Patricia Schlosser of Auburn and Kraig and Brenda Schlosser of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Brian Flesch of Decatur; a brother, Allen Hohman of St. Joe; and seven grandchildren, Tyler, Derek and Danielle Flesch, Ryan and Jana Schlosser, and Danielle and Rachel Zickgraf.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a son, Kyle Schlosser.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6 -8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jane Spotts

INDIANAPOLIS — Jane F. Spotts, 79, of Indianapolis, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Spotts worked for the Burger Dairy Store in Huntington, for 11 years. She was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Huntington.

She was born on March 22, 1924, in Huntington to George and Isabelle Yaste.

Surviving are seven sons, John Spotts, Tim Spotts and Chuck Spotts, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Tom Spotts of Dayton, Ohio; Mike Spotts of South Bend; Steve Spotts of Necedah, Wis.; and Terry Spotts of Indianapolis; a daughter, Cathy Goebel of Huntington; two sisters, Martha Gentis of Garrett and Ruth Wasmuth of Huntington; 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Charles Yaste; and two sisters, Agnes Clabaugh and Dorothy Shafer.

A memorial service was held today at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association of Central Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Alpha Funeral Service of Indianapolis was in charge of arrangements.

Chad Carpenter

BUTLER — Chad R. Carpenter, 21, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at his home.

Services are pending at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio.

Chad Carpenter

BUTLER – Chad Ryan Carpenter, 21, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at his father's home in Butler.

He worked for Swager Communications, Fremont.

He was born Feb. 5, 1982, in Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are his parents, Randy "Gordon" Carpenter of Butler and Julia (LaPan) Nickerson of Defiance, Ohio; two brothers, Justin Carpenter of Butler and Brandon Retcher of Defiance, Ohio; grandparents Ken Hunt of Cecil, Ohio, and Carolyn Hunt of New Hampshire; a stepfather, Walter Nickerson of Defiance, Ohio; two stepbrothers, Walter Nickerson Jr. of Houston, Texas, and Jermaine Nickerson of Chicago; and a stepsister, Jennifer Nickerson of Defiance, Ohio.

Preceding him in death were grandparents Orlo and Connie Carpenter and Ted LaPan.

Services will be Friday at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, with pastoral counselor Gordon Scullion officiating.

Calling is Friday from 4-6 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Christine Carpenter

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — Christine "Cricket" Collins Carpenter, 83, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, at Lakeway Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Carpenter was a former resident of Auburn and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo.

She was born in Virginia and raised in Hancock County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Carpenter; her parents, Lambert and Gertrude Collins; two brothers, J.B Collins and Roscoe Collins; and a sister, Inez.

Surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Collins of Morristown, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Collins and Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Collins, all of Sneedville, Tenn.; two sisters, Ora Lee Louthan and Mary Ellen Sexton, both of Sneedville; three stepchildren, Walter, Helen and Peggy, all of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Stubblefield Funeral Home of Morristown. The Rev. Junior Sexton and the Rev. Gene Moore will officiate. Interment will be in Hambien Memory Gardens.

Calling is tonight from 6-9 at the funeral home.

James Fuhrman

FORT WAYNE — James A. Fuhrman, 75, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Fuhrman was an executive with Electric Motors & Specialities in Garrett, retiring in 1989. After his retirement, he was involved with Group Dekko.

He was a native of Fort Wayne, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Bethany United Methodist Church. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time in northern Michigan.

Surviving are his wife, Charlene A. of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and David Root of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Rebecca S. Fuhrman and Donald Leary of Rossford, Ohio; and a granddaughter, Whitney G. Root.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, James F. Root.

Private services will be conducted. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Wednesday, September 10 , 2003

Elena Velazquez

FORT WAYNE — Elena M. Velazquez, 81, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, at St. Anne Home.

A resident of Fort Wayne for 25 years, she had worked at Lincoln Life Insurance Co. in building maintenance. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

She was a native of Dallas.

Surviving are four daughters, Anita Wasko of Butler, Sally Jo Hollow of Huntington, Toni Bennett of Provo, Utah, and Edith Velazquez-Reed of Bloomington; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Stanley, died in 1976.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery at Huntington.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the Tom Mungovan Funeral Home and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and the Diabetes Association.

Naomi Eicher

FORT WAYNE — Naomi R. Eicher, 82, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Eicher was a homemaker and enjoyed music, fishing, gardening and cooking.

She was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Ossian.

Surviving are her husband, Carl J. Eicher; two daughters, Dixie Leins of Corunna and Jessie Davenport of Fort Wayne; one son, Keith R. Eicher of New Haven; three sisters, Maxine Champ of Seymour, Opal Gilbert of Uniondale and Patricia Fox of Tucson, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were three brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery of Ossian.

Calling is Friday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Leonard Washburn

FORT WAYNE — Leonard J. Washburn, 78, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, at his home.

He had retired in 1989 from County Line Cheese Co. and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Velma, of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Judith Sorg of Howell, Mich., and Linda Sue Washburn; a son, Douglas Lynn Washburn; two stepdaughters, Rosemay Campbell of Fremont and Kathleen Seaman of Enterprise, Fla.; two sisters, Mildred Southwell of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Shirley Mase of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery with military graveside rites by the U.S. Army.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Friday, September 12, 2003

Ronald Lankford

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald L. Lankford, 60, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at 4:57 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mr. Lankford

Mr. Lankford retired in 1998 from Flint & Walling as a machinist.

He was born Jan. 21, 1943, in Kendallville to Raymond and Catherine (Reade) Lankford. His father is deceased and his mother, Catherine Raslers, survives in Avilla.

On March 15, 1975, in Kendallville he married Beverly Ellis. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Cathy and Ron Deter of South Milford, Leann Lankford of Kendallville and Mandy Lankford and her fiance, Charles Kimani of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Michele Lankford of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Roger Boggs of Albion; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Joyce Springer of Auburn, Jim and Kathy Springer of Warsaw and Jack and Emily Springer of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Matt Deter, Melissa Deter, Aaron Traxler, Alec Traxler, Alana Traxler and Stephen Kimani.

He was preceded in death by two stepfathers, John Springer and Lawrence Rasler.

Services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County PRIDE.

Jeanette Harpenau

LEMARS, Iowa — Jeanette (Poeckes) Harpenau, 66, died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, in her home in LeMars.

Mrs. Harpenau enjoyed a lifelong love for cooking, family, friends and playing cards. She was a member of the St. James Parish, Catholic Daughters, Catholic Order of Foresters Lady and Men Foresters and several card clubs. She was an avid card player at the Senior Citizens Center and enjoyed the competition of playing checkers.

She was a loving mother to all seven of her children. In her later years she baby-sat for many children, including nieces and nephews. She was known as a hard worker who always gave of herself and never expected anything in return.

She was born Oct. 1, 1936, in LeMars, Iowa, the daughter of Eugene and Myra (Pick) Poeckes. They preceded her in death.

She graduated from Remsen St. Mary's in Remsen, Iowa, in 1954.

She married Robert Harpenau in Remsen, Iowa, on Oct. 8, 1957. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Mark Seible of Merrill, Iowa, Laurie and Darren Lint of McAllen, Texas, and Julie and Mike Pottebaum of Alton, Iowa; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jack and Donna Harpenau of Waterloo, Doug and Judy Harpenau of LaCrescent, Minn., Frank Harpenau of LaCrescent, Minn., and Rodney and Michelle Harpenau of Smithville, Missouri; 15 grandchildren, Jonathan, Nicole, Jennifer, Ashley, Ryan, Courtney, Christopher, Tiffany, Alex, Stephanie, Ben, Steven, Jefferson, Kennedie, and Abigail; and six brothers and four sisters-in-law, Art and Peg Poeckes of LeMars, twin brother Eugene Poeckes of Merrill, Iowa, and Mark and Pam Poeckes, Paul and Sharon Poeckes, Dennis and Kathy Poeckes, and Roger Poeckes, all of Remsen, Iowa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. James Catholic Church in LeMars with Father James Tigges officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Calling is after 3 p.m. Sunday at the church, with parish rosary Sunday at 4 p.m. and a scriptural service Sunday at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are being handled by Carlsen Funeral Home of LeMars.

Mary Lou Brownell

BUTLER — Mary Lou Brownell, 62, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Brownell

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 4, 1940, in Garrett to James and Irene (Dannenberg) Odenkirk. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Christina Brownell of Jacksonville, Fla., two daughters and a son-in-law, Amy and Jerry Antrup of Waterloo and Anna Barth of Kimmell; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Kevin Moughler

WATERLOO — Kevin Moughler, 48, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

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Holly Hook

AUBURN — Holly D. Hook, 46, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Nov. 19, 1956, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her stepmother, Barbara Linnemeier, and Mrs. Linnemeier's husband, Donald, of Columbia City; a half-brother and his wife, Douglas and Billie Hook of Fort Wayne; a half-brother, Christopher Hook of Columbia City; a grandmother, Helen Hook of Payne, Ohio; an aunt, Bonnie Schooley of Bryan, Ohio; and an uncle, Dan Hook of New Ohio.

Her father, Thomas Hook, preceded her in death in 1988.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at Lehman Cemetery in Payne, Ohio.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Oak Meadows Learning Center, 1313 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Kevin Moughler

WATERLOO — Kevin Moughler, 48, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Moughler was employed at Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo for 17 years and was a very active coach and supporter of Hamilton athletics.

He was a member of the Waterloo Fire Department for 16 years, serving as chief and assistant chief. He was a former member and president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2733 in Butler, a former member of the Sons of the American Legion in Butler, and a member of the DeKalb County Coon Hunters Association.

He was born June 26, 1955, in Garrett to Raymond and Onalee (Knox) Moughler. They survive in Waterloo.

He married Janet McKown on May 1, 1982, at the Waterloo United Methodist Church and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jacob L. Moughler of Waterloo; a brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Beth Moughler of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Darlyn and Coy Charleswood of Waterloo and Michelle and Ed McDowd of Waterloo; eight nieces, five nephews, one great-niece and three great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Matthew Moughler, and his grandmother, Fern Moughler.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Sunday, September 14, 2003

This obituary is being reprinted with additional information about surviving relatives.

Mary Lou Brownell

BUTLER — Mary Lou Brownell, 62, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Brownell

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 4, 1940, in Garrett to James and Irene (Dannenberg) Odenkirk. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Christina Brownell of Jacksonville, Fla., two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Jerry Antrup of Waterloo and Anna and Derek Barth of Kimmell; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Millicent Kruger

KENDALLVILLE — Millicent Elizabeth Kruger, 83, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, at her daughter's Kendallville residence.

On Aug. 31, 1920, in Kendallville, she was born to Forrest E. and Millicent Brown Frey.

On Feb. 14, 1937, in Auburn, she married Floyd W. Kruger. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 1990.

She was employed with Drexel Hull, D.V.M., Hull Veterinary Clinic for about 13 years before retiring in 1986.

Mrs. Kruger was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 86 and was an avid supporter of the Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rolland and Lois Kruger of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Belinda and Michael Corps of Kendallville; two grandsons and their wives, Kevin and Annette Kruger of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Parrish and Teri Kruger of Kimmel; two granddaughters, Kara and Kit Corps, both of Kendallville; a granddaughter and her husband, Nola and Doug Morris of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, two brothers preceded her in death, Forrest T. Frey in 1968 and Raymond F. Frey in 1995.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Greibel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, Noble County Humane Society or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Condolecences may be sent to the family or sign the online register book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kent Stephens

LIGONIER — Kent James Stephens, 50, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, at his residence after an illness of 3 1/2 years.

On July 12, 1953, in Kendallville, he was born to James and Glenda (Kent) Stephens. They survive.

He was a lifetime area resident and worked at Ben Glazer Automotive as an automotive body repairman.

Mr. Stephens was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church, a West Noble High School graduate and an avid fisherman.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a son, Jason McDonald of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Kelly T. and Becky Stephens of Cromwell; a grandmother, Lena Kent of Goshen; a nephew, Nathan Stephens; and a niece, Angela Yoder.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Izaak Walton League Save Our Streams Program.

Homer Cox

ANGOLA — Homer Willie Cox, 72, of Angola, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Cox was a farmer and lifetime area resident. He was a C.B. radio operator and his handle was "Snuffy."

On Dec. 11, 1930, in Steuben County, he was born to H. Waldo and Ola (Cockrell) Cox.

Surviving are three sisters, Georgia Warstler of Owosso, Mich., and Viola Maugherman and Ruth Ann Kintz, both of Angola.

His parents, an infant brother and two sisters, Vera Spaulding and Pauline Coney, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery of Orland.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Lorraine Leavitt

ANGOLA — Lorraine D. Leavitt, 71, of Angola, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

On Sept. 11, 1932, in Chicago, she was born to John and Nellie (Osenga) Scholten.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Leavitt of Springfield, Ohio, and Douglas Leavitt of Weaverville, N.C.; three daughters, Jan Shipe of Angola, Brenda Hagen of Canton, Ohio, and Donna Jean Leavitt of Port Charlotte, Fla.; a brother, John "Jack" Scholten of Decatur, Ga.; a sister, Esther Elliott of Seminole, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, three sisters, her twin Laverne Perryman, Ruby Fleischman and Myrtle Berg, and a brother, Ronald Scholten, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday (Indiana time) at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Cassopolis, Mich., with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Hicks

MADISON, Wis. — Evelyn Hicks, formerly Evelyn Brooks, 76, of Madison, Wis., died Thursday, July 10, 2003, in Madison with family members present.

Mrs. Hicks

She was born in Pleasant Lake on April 6, 1927, to Hugh and Rudy Brooks.

She was raised in the Pleasant Lake area and graduated from Pleasant Lake High School in 1946.

Surviving are five daughters and a son-in-law, Kathryn Miller and Karla Hicks, both of McHenry, Ill.; Carol Engel of Madison; Connie Hicks of Spring Green, Wis., and Kelly and John Landes of Cross Plains, Wis.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, William Faganel; her second husband, James Hicks; a son, James Joseph; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Nyal and Mickey Brooks, Rex Brooks and Lynn Brooks; and a sister, Rose Ann.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, her ashes will be interned in Pleasant Lake Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is assisting the family with arrangements.

Violette Kline

ST. JOE — Violette Irene Kline, 93, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, at Harborside Healthcare Northwest Ohio in Bryan, Ohio.

On Oct. 14, 1909, she was born in DeKalb County to Edward and Eva (Hollabaugh) Pflaumer.

On Nov. 26, 1938, in Harlan, she married Maurice F. Kline. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1983.

Mrs. Kline retired as a teacher from Riverdale School in St. Joe and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Ladies Literary Club and Heimach Center.

Surviving are a daughter, Jane Kline of Dayton, Ohio; two sons, Jerry Kline of Appalachan, N.Y., and James Kline of Mark City, Ohio; a brother, Russell Pflaumer of DeKalb, Ill.; and four grandchildren, Lisa, Jerry E., Jason and Janelle Kline.

In addition to her parents and husband, a sister, Ethel Leins, and four brothers, Laverne, Floyd, Lawrence and Ernest Pflaumer, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Caranahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Howard Walter

AUBURN — Howard E. Walter, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003.

Mr. Walter retired in 1978 with 37 years of service at Auburn Foundry as a maintenance electrician.

He was born Nov. 22, 1913, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Greenfield of Green Valley, Ariz.; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Wunderlin of Auburn and Ruth Smith of Fort Wayne; and a half-brother, Frank Walter of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in 2001; a son, Frederic O., in 1995; a brother, Ford, earlier this year; and a half-brother, Marion Walter.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at New Hope Christian Center.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship of DeKalb County, 708 S. Van Buren St., Auburn.

Zelda Lane

BUTLER — Zelda M. Lane, 92, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Lane was a former teacher of music, art and home economics at Harlan schools. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was born Aug. 16, 1991, in Oakland City, Ind.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Cox of Minneapolis; three sons, James M. of Highland Village, Texas, and Dave L. and Richard E., both of Butler; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul T. Lane, in 1971, and by a sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-7 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler South Side Park Fund, 201 Broadway, Butler.

Jonathan Melius

CORUNNA — Jonathan J. Melius, 8 months old, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 12, 2003, in Fort Wayne to Jared and Jan Melius. They survive in Corunna.

Also surviving are a sister, Rebecca Melius of Corunna; his maternal grandparents, Hiran and Ladawan Kongharat of Bothell, Wash.; his paternal grandparents, Doyle and Joyce Melius of Yakima, Wash.; his maternal great-grandmother, Lisri Satdhanon of Bangkok, Thailand; and his paternal great-grandparents, Claire and Rosemarie Melius of Faulkton, S.D.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church of rural Corunna. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorial are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Maddex

FORT WAYNE — Robert B. Maddex, 86, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Maddex was a carpenter and bridge builder and a member of Carpenters Local 636 for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Harlan Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 16, 1916, in Madison.

Surviving are his wife, Edith, of Grabill; three sons, Russell Maddex of Scottburg, Wayne Maddex of Fort Wayne and Jimmy Maddex of Harlan; and six daughters, Roberta Kimpel of Jeffersonville, Martha Russelburg of Fort Myers, Fla., Ellen Maddex and Paula Maddex, both of Fort Wayne, Carlotta Dix of Harlan, and Mary Heintzelman of Spencerville.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Gertie Stein Maddex; a son, Frank Maddex; six brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be at Sharon Hill Cemetery in Hanover.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Annabell Shellenbarger

AUBURN — Annabell Shellenbarger, 87, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shellenbarger worked as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell in Auburn for 26 years, retiring in 1978. She was a life member of Indiana Telephone Pioneers. She also was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and served as a volunteer for the church food bank.

Mrs. Shellenbarger

She was born May 1, 1916, in Butler Township in southwestern DeKalb County to Harry and Goldie (Houser) Lung.

She married Robert L. Shellenbarger on Aug. 11, 1945, in Butler Township. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Max and Marianne Shellenbarger of Jamestown, Pa.; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jerry Sprouse of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Rex Shellenbarger, on Nov. 19, 1977, and one brother, Kennith Lung.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God food bank.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Rosalee Parrish

FREMONT — Rosalee M. "Grandma Rosie" Parrish, 64, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Parrish was employed with the Wal-Mart in Angola for 13 years. She enjoyed crafts, quilting and gardening.

She was born Oct. 31, 1938, in Hamilton to Marion Russell and Aline M. (Wandel) Burrell.

She married Robert Charles Parrish on Nov. 22, 1958. He died April 15, 1990.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Deborah and Robert Snover of Des Moines, Iowa, Barbara (Byrne) and Daniel Carlson of Omaha, Neb., and Lauri-Ann Parrish and Sheila Noll, both of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Cindy Parrish of Fairbury, Ill.; five grandsons, Jarod and Travis Snover, Aaron and Dustin Parrish and Blake Noll; four sisters, Joann Bistel of Coldwater, Mich., June Person of San Diego, Calif., Janice Wilson of Frazier, Mich., and Nancy Polzien of Burnsville, N.C.; and four brothers, John Burrell of Angola, Jerry Burrell of Troy, Mich., and James Burrell and Jack Burrell, both of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepfather, Edward M. Dodds.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Eva Emerson

LAGRANGE — Eva B. Emerson, 97, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor.

She had lived in LaGrange since 1976, moving there from Salem Center.

Mrs. Emerson was a former school teacher at Valentine and Pleasant Lake.

She graduated from Salem Center High School in 1923 and had attended Madam Blaker's School in Indianapolis. She was active in her church.

She was born Nov. 10, 1905, in Noble County to P. Doyle and Flora (Grossman) Holden.

On May 26, 1927, in Steuben County, she married James W. Emerson. He died Sept. 14, 1967.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Kaye Emerson of Westmoreland, Tenn.; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Lois Dunten of LaGrange, Beth Gardner of Mahomet, Ill., Emilyn Hughes of Hudson, Barbara and Warren Hatch of Austin, Texas, and Jessie and Jack German of Lafayette; 19 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Salem Center Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

Burial will be in Block Cemetery in Salem Center.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson Disease Association or Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

This obituary is being republished to correct a typographical error. We apologize for the error.

Zelda Lane

BUTLER — Zelda M. Lane, 92, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Lane was a former teacher of music, art and home economics at Harlan schools. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was born Aug. 16, 1911, in Oakland City, Ind.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Cox of Minneapolis; three sons, James M. of Highland Village, Texas, and Dave L. and Richard E., both of Butler; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul T. Lane, in 1971, and by a sister.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling was Monday from 5-7 p.m. and today from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler South Side Park Fund, 201 Broadway, Butler.

Richard Sanderson

AUBURN — Richard D. Sanderson, 83, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Angola, he was vice president of manufacturing at Electric Motors in Garrett for 38 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of the Garrett Elks Lodge for 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, Margie of Auburn; a daughter, Cynthia Halbakken of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Kevin Bumgarner of Lafayette; a stepdaughter, Tamela Troxell of Traverse City, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Greg Krafft of Auburn, Deb Sharp of Fort Wayne, Eric Halbakken of Portland, Ore., Aaron Bumgarner and Ben Bumgarner, both of Lafayette, and Travis Troxell and Ty Troxell, both of Traverse City; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

Graveside services and burial will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery on South Center Street in Auburn.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, the DeKalb Humane Shelter or a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, September 17 , 2003

Russell Groff

EDGERTON, Ohio — Russell P. Groff, 82, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003, at 2:15 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, after a sudden illness.

Mr. Groff was the owner and operator of Groff Land Excavating of Edgerton for 50 years.

A World War II Army veteran, he was involved in the Battle of Normandy. He was a member of the Edgerton Church of Christ and American Legion Post 202 in Butler.

He was born Feb. 26, 1921, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Paul and Eunice (Blair) Groff.

He married Bettie J. Weber on Jan. 19, 1946, in Bryan, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and James Shiple and Susan and Randy Herman, all of Edgerton; his grandchildren, Jeff Gruver, Amy Gruver, Doug and Mike Imm and Amanda and Sarah Herman; and three great-grandchildren, Rachel and Cailtyn Gruver and Christopher Imm.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Edgerton Church of Christ with Pastor D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton with military rites conducted by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling is Thursday from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to Grofffamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Thursday, September 18 , 2003

Emma Beaver

FORT WAYNE — Emma E. Beaver, 91, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at Towne House Health Care Center.

She and her husband owned Lincoln Coders. She was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ and Cedar Creek Women's Club.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas J. Beaver of Auburn and Robert A. Beaver of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jenny Bower of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Millard, who died in 2000, and a brother, James Anglin.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Salem United Church of Christ, 2401 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Salem United Church of Christ or the American Diabetes Association.

Wilbur Bowser

BREMEN — Wilbur A. Bowser, 82, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003, at 7:12 a.m. in the Community Hospital of Bremen.

A lifetime resident of Bremen, he operated Bowser Sand & Gravel, retiring in 1986.

Mr. Bowser was a 1939 graduate of Bremen High School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1945 and was on the aircraft carrier USS Anzio in the South Pacific for 2 1/2 years. He held the ranking of AMM IC when he was discharged in 1945.

In 1946 he purchased his father's sand and gravel business and started the production of ready-mix concrete as Bowser's Sand and Gravel in 1948.

Mr. Bowser was elected to the German Township Advisory Board in 1959. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Bremen and a founder of Project Help. He was active in Bremen Hospital fund drives, Community Chest fund drives, the swimming pool construction committee and Boy Scouts, a past president of the PTA, a member of the PTA Council and a Little League team sponsor. He was a past president of the Bremen Kiwanis Club and achieved 38 years of perfect attendance. He was a member of the Bremen Development Corp.

In 2000, he received the Bremen Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award.

He also was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the Kiwanis Club in Arcadia, Fla., where he had spent winters.

Mr. Bowser was born July 23, 1921, to A.O. and Lillian May (Brechtel) Bowser.

He married Flora Weldy on Nov. 4, 1945, in Wakarusa. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda Gaier of Auburn and Jane Austin of Punta Gorda, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jay and Frances Bowser of North Webster and Bob and Lisa Bowser of Fort Collins, Colo.; a sister, Betty Stroh of LaPorte; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and 26 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Bowser, and a sister, Lorraine Jensen.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Grace United Methodist Church at Bremen, with Pastor Richard Lythe officiating. Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Bremen Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Grace United Methodist Church, Project Help, Hospice of Marshall County or Community Hospital of Bremen.

R. William Meier

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. R. William Meier, 87, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

He was a minister with the Church of the Nazarene for 40 years, retiring in 1978. His career included service at the Garrett Church of the Nazarene.

He enjoyed golf with the Fort Wayne Parks Senior League, was a member of the Dare to Care at Church, and was a member of the Grace Point Church of the Nazarene.

He was a native of Mackey, Ind.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet R. Meyer of Fort Wayne; three sons, Jerald L. Meier of Indianapolis, Joseph C. Meier of Avilla, and James W. Meier of Benton Harbor, Mich.; two sisters, Mata Jeide of Mackey and Mabel Bowman of Princeton; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Ruth J. (Sears) Meier, in 1996, three brothers and one sister.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Virgil Mills and a grandson, the Rev. Don Meyer, officiating.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Grace Point Church of the Nazarene.

Pauline Bergman

NEW HAVEN — Pauline M. Bergman, 81, formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

A New Haven native, she was retired from Barrett's in New Haven. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, and a former member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven.

She is survived by her son, the Rev. Larry W. Bergman of Onalaska, Wash.; two daughters, Sylvia of Auburn and Nancy Hobbs of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lorenz Stemmler of New Haven; four sisters, Vera Hoover of Irons, Mich., Eleda Barille of Fort Wayne, Ruthanna Meeks of South Milford and Rose Sweet of New Haven; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by sons Terry and Gerry, who died in 1956, a twin brother, Paul Stemmler, and two sisters, Laura Melega and Della Graft.

Services will take place Tuesday at 2 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven. Burial will be in the Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Worship for Shut-ins, Shepherd of the Hill, or the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Wahneta Dutton

FOSTORIA, Ohio — Wahneta A. Dutton, 86, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003, at Independence House, Fostoria, Ohio.

She was born June 3, 1917, in Delaware Township to Charles and Gladys (Rex) Stauffer. She married Glenn Dutton on March 9, 1941 near Mount Blanchard, Ohio, and he survives.

Mrs. Dutton was a retired school teacher. She was a member of the Arcadia, Ohio, United Methodist Church and was a lay liturgist. She was a member of the National Education Association and a board member of the Hancock County Handicap Society.

Also surviving are a son and daughter in-law, John J. and Mary Dutton, Hamilton; a daughter and son in-law, Linda L. and James A. Rhoten, Arcadia; a sister, Jeannette Trout, Ada, Ohio; five grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel; a brother, Leroy Stauffer; a sister, Louise Stauffer; and a grandchild, James L. Rhoten.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Arcadia United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael N. Malcosky and lay leader David Noel officiating. Calling will be 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Colden-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, Ohio, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Ida Gisel

KENDALLVILLE — Ida Josephine Gisel, 85, died at 4:10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had resided eight days. She had been ill three weeks.

Mrs. Gisel

Mrs. Gisel was a homemaker and was well known for her tatting and knitting. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and the church's Morning Circle. She was a 50-year member of the Noble Chapter 122, Order of the Eastern Star. Before her marriage, she had worked at Eli Lilly Co., Indianapolis, and at L.S. Ayres department store in Indianapolis. After raising her children, she worked at Sellick's department store in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 27, 1917, in North Webster, Ind., to the Rev. Frederick Charles and Goldie Ellen (Wise) Wacknitz. With her parent's dedication to the Christian ministry of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, she grew up in many Indiana communities including North Webster, Porter, Wolcottville and Indianapolis.

On Aug. 22, 1944, she married Ora L. Gisel in Huntington.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years; two daughters and sons-in-law, JoEllen and Robert Sprankle, Tempe, Ariz., and Cathy Sue and David Lee, Defiance, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, William F. (Bill) and Christine Gisel and Tommy Lee and Darlene Gisel, both of Kendallville; seven granddaughters, Beth Ann Meier, New York City, Laura Miller, Auburn, Tara Jo Sprankle, Woonsocket, R.I., Amy Reyes, Queens Creek, Ariz., Cyndi Lee and Crysta Lee, Defiance, Ohio, and Rachel Gisel, Kendallville; four grandsons, Andrew Gisel, Kendallville, Matthew Gisel, Wawaka, Ty Sprankle, Tempe, Ariz., and Daniel Lee, Defiance, Ohio; two step-grandsons, Cpl. David Hamann, currently serving with the U.S. Marines in Okinawa, and Ronald Hamann, Garrett; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Charles Edward Gisel; and a sister, Naomi Ruth Wacknitz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday the Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St., Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Faith United Methodist Church.

Beatrice Burns

LIGONIER — Beatrice Ada Burns, 66, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burns was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Hoboken, N.Y., to Paul E. and Dorothy A. (Brown) Cady. She had been a resident of the Ligonier area since 1962, coming from New Berlin, N.Y.

She married Virgil E. Burns on Oct. 14, 1978, in Topeka, and he survives.

She had worked for Walker Manufacturing, StarCraft and Daniel's Cafe.

Mrs. Burns

She was a member of The Rock Church. She had been a volunteer with hospice and home health care. She enjoyed sewing, garage sales, gardening and traveling.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John "Jack" P. and Connie Sawicki of Ligonier and Gerald "Jerry" and Monica Sawicki of Wolcottville; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Stephen and Joan Burns of Millersburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Shirl Hall and Linda and Michael "Mush" Marshall, all of Ligonier; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Diana Burns of Denver, Pa., and Victoria and Dave Metz of Kingman, Ariz.; a brother, Robert E. Cady of Jensen Beach, Fla.; a sister, Thelma Jablonski of Jensen Beach; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a stepson, George Burns; two brothers, Leonard Cady and Eugene Cady; and two sisters, Bertha Johnson and Virginia Grant.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice & Home Health Care.

Vera Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Vera June Zimmerman, 81, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born Nov. 30, 1921, to Andrew and Lela (Engler) Cope. She married Harry L. Zimmerman Jr. on Nov. 27, 1940 in Angola, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 1997.

She was a homemaker. She had lived in the Steuben or LaGrange county areas since 1950.

Surviving are a daughter, Paula Jean Estep of Hamilton; two sons, Dennis Zimmerman of Linden, Tenn., and Robert Zimmerman of Angola; a sister, Emily Parish of Angola; a brother, Delbert Cope of Angola; 24 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Sandra Kunce, Donna Sue Zimmerman and Darlene Weller; two sons, Raymond and Harry Zimmerman; two granddaughters; five brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Jesse Stahl

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jesse L. Stahl, 75, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Stahl was born July 7, 1928, in Ashley, the son of George and Margaret (McClellan) Stahl.

He lived his entire life in LaGrange and DeKalb counties. He was a retired farmer.

He married Ruth J. (Hanes) Stahl on Jan. 20, 1949, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by three daughters and two sons in-law, LuAnn and Tom Rodman, Wawaka, Sara and Lynn Houser, Auburn, and Betsy Randol, Wolcottville; a son and daughter in-law, Marty and Cathy Stahl, Elkhart; two broghter, Ray Stahl, Garrett, and Cliff Pelfrey, LaGrange; a sister, Betty Dunn, Viper, Ky.; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul; a sister, Mary Nisley; and a son, Ricky.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Boys and Girls Club.

Richard Krus

GARRETT — Richard A. "Banker" Krus, 59, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at 5:14 p.m. in his Garrett home.

A lifelong Garrett resident, Mr. Krus was a Garrett High School graduate and attended Defiance College. He began his career in finance and banking in 1965, retiring from Bank One in 1999 after 23 years of service.

Mr. Krus

A member of the Garrett Economic Development Commission for several years, he currently was serving as its president. He was a 41-year member of the Garrett Eagles and its auditor for the last 23 years. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was born Nov. 30, 1943. in Garrett to Frank A. "Whitely" and Hazel M. (Trubey) Krus. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Brian D. Krus of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Tamara J. and Dr. Kevin Murray of Charlottesville, Va.; a sister, Carolyn L. Kelly of Baltimore; and four grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home or the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Juanita Smith

AVILLA — Juanita L. Smith, 97, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at 6:20 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of the Wayne Township Extension Homemakers Club for more than 50 years.

She was born June 3, 1906, in DeKalb County to Franklin and Bertha (Rowe) Tuttle.

She married Arthur Smith on June 17, 1926, in Kendallville. He died Nov. 18, 1981.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Virginia and William Percifield of Franklin, Imogene and Roger Lirot of Bryan, Ohio, and Barbara Krehl of Corunna; two sisters, Marvel Ehresman of Fort Wayne and Ruby Schurr of Stroh; three grandsons, Roger Lirot II of New Castle, Pa., Michael Krehl of Kendallville, and Dr. Bradley Krehl of Martinsburg, Pa.; six great-grandchildren, Kara Trowbridge, Jason Krehl, Jessica Krehl, Elliot Krehl, Kyle Krehl and Noah Krehl; and two great-great-grandchildren, Brock and Bryce Trowbridge.

Also preceding her in death were a son, John Smith; four sisters, Wanda Hartman, Emma Witt, Audra Immel and Maxine Immel; and six brothers, Clair, Charles, Waldo, Ralph, Merritt and Phillip Tuttle.

Private graveside services will be Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Al Wingfield of Zion Lutheran Church officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

Monday, September 22 , 2003

Pansy Martin

MARION — Pansy L. Martin, 60, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003, at 9:20 p.m. in Blackford Community Hospital in Hartford City.

Mrs. Martin retired in 1999 from the Northern Indiana VA Medical Center in Marion after 21 years of service in the dietetic department.

She loved gardening and attended the Ninth Street Trinity of God Church in Marion.

She was born Jan. 15, 1943, in St. Charles, Va., to Bascom and Hazel (Stapleton) Barnette.

She married Fred Martin Jr. on April 7, 1962. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Martin-King and her husband, Paul, of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Tammy Martin of Marion; and a grandson, Jacob P. King.

Graveside services will be today at 1 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery in Gas City. The Rev. Bob Jenkins will officiate.

There will be no calling. Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association of Indiana, 9410 Priority Way, West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Eleanor Benninghoff

BUTLER — Eleanor (Houk) Benninghoff, 91, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Benninghoff graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1930 and from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She and her husband were dairy and grain farmers. After retiring, they traveled extensively and spent winters in Texas.

She gave many years of service as a Sunday school teacher and was an active member of the West Milford Church of Christ in Hicksville, Ohio. She also served as a retreat workshop leader at Lake James Christian Assembly. She was a Newville Township Trustee and a member of the Airstream Travel Club.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born July 15, 1912, in Spencerville to Lester and Gladys (Paff) Houk.

She married Wayne Benninghoff on Jan. 7, 1933. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Harold Palmer of Fort Wayne, Diane and Robert Gilbert of Butler, Shari and Ned Miller of Lowell, Mich., and Susan and Michael Fyfe of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Darcy of Tucson, Ariz.

A brother, George, preceded her in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Pastor Scott Shoaff of Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne will officiate. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. and Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct the location of graveside services.

Juanita Smith

AVILLA — Juanita L. Smith, 97, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at 6:20 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of the Wayne Township Extension Homemakers Club for more than 50 years.

She was born June 3, 1906, in DeKalb County to Franklin and Bertha (Rowe) Tuttle.

She married Arthur Smith on June 17, 1926, in Kendallville. He died Nov. 18, 1981.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Virginia and William Percifield of Franklin, Imogene and Roger Lirot of Bryan, Ohio, and Barbara Krehl of Corunna; two sisters, Marvel Ehresman of Fort Wayne and Ruby Schurr of Stroh; three grandsons, Roger Lirot II of New Castle, Pa., Michael Krehl of Kendallville, and Dr. Bradley Krehl of Martinsburg, Pa.; six great-grandchildren, Kara Trowbridge, Jason Krehl, Jessica Krehl, Elliot Krehl, Kyle Krehl and Noah Krehl; and two great-great-grandchildren, Brock and Bryce Trowbridge.

Also preceding her in death were a son, John Smith; four sisters, Wanda Hartman, Emma Witt, Audra Immel and Maxine Immel; and six brothers, Clair, Charles, Waldo, Ralph, Merritt and Phillip Tuttle.

Private graveside services will be Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery with the Rev. Al Wingfield of Zion Lutheran Church officiating.

Calling is today from 4-7 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

Bryce Brown

OAK HARBOR, Wash. — Bryce Brown, 68, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003, in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Mr. Brown grew up in Auburn and attended an Auburn elementary school and Auburn High School before joining the Navy.

After 31 years of service, he retired from his duties as a jet mechanic on a Navy aircraft carrier.

He was born June 27, 1935, to Charles and Genevive Brown. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters, four grandchildren, five stepdaughters, numerous step-grandchildren and a brother, Basil Brown of Leo.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Faye Brown and Evelyn Brown; a sister, Elizabeth Fett; a brother, Frederick Brown; and an infant brother, Rex Brown.

Military services, calling and burial will be held in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Memorials are to a hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Lavon Myers

BUTLER — Lavon D. Myers, 93, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

A homemaker, she was born Oct. 8, 1909, in Fort Wayne to Ralph H. and Catherine E. (Meyers) Smith.

She married John Eicher Myers on Aug. 30, 1930. He died June 6, 1966.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph E. and Virginia Myers of Auburn and John E. and Fay Myers of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Mary and Jimmy Wheeler of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Phyllis E. Myers of Butler; four brothers, Roy Smith of Tampa, Fla., Calvin Smith and Walter Smith, both of Fort Wayne, and Melvin Smith of Apache Junction, Ariz.; two sisters, Marietta Shive and Gloria Close, both of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, three sisters, and a grandson, Derek Griffin.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Gary Brown and Brad Bloemker officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital or the Laurels of DeKalb.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Brent Steigmeyer

AUBURN — Brent E. Steigmeyer, 48, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, at 9:30 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Steigmeyer was an assistant trainmaster for CSX Transportation in Garrett, working for 27 years as a conductor and assistant trainmaster.

Mr. Steigmeyer

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, the National Rifle Association and the United Transportation Union.

He was born Nov. 19, 1954, in Garrett to William E. and Sharon L. (Simon) Steigmeyer. His mother survives in Garrett.

He married Sarah J. Mavity on Feb. 14, 1981, in Sebring, Fla. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a brother, Glenn Steigmeyer of South Ogden, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Clara M. Steigmeyer.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in the Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, the DeKalb County Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Rodney Nichols

BUTLER — Rodney E. Nichols, 38, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at his home.

He was a U.S. Army Paratrooper and staff sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division. He served in England and Germany and was a veteran of Desert Storm, earning a Bronze Star medal and Silver Spur.

Mr. Nichols

He was a registered service member in the archives in Butler and was involved with American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Garrett.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a 1983 graduate of Wayne High School. He loved television movies and was a loving son and brother.

Surviving are his mother, Patricia S. Powell of Auburn; his father, Ronald Nichols of Frostproof, Fla.; a brother, James "Jim" K. Nichols of Fort Wayne; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Heather and Carlos Porter of Fort Wayne, Lorna and James Gallogly of Novi, Mich., and Lisa Knudson of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Mary Ann Graves of Fort Wayne; 10 nieces and nephews; an ex-brother-in-law, Jack Knudson of Fort Wayne; and many cousins.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

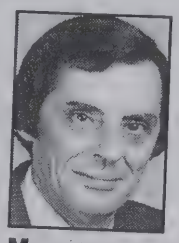
Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Joseph Colandino

GARRETT — Joseph A. "Dino" Colandino, 67, died Monday, Sept. 22, 2003 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in North Bergen, N.J., he was a salesman with Family Life Insurance, retiring in 1991. He currently had been working as a driver for PTI in Garrett. He also served as a custodian for Garrett schools.

Mr. Colandino was a U.S. Army staff sergeant in Korea from 1955-1963. He was a member of Garrett Post 1892 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Garrett American Legion Post 178 and the American Legion in El Paso, Texas; a member of Eagles Aerie 1357 in Garrett; a member and past exalted ruler of Garrett Elks Lodge 1447 and the Elks in El Paso, Texas; and a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566.



Mr. Colandino

He also was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Judith (Stock) Colandino of Garrett; three daughters, Anna Marie Stewart of El Paso, Texas, Tina Louise Harris of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Linda M. Minnich of Garrett; two sons, John W. Minnich of Avilla and William B. Minnich of Garrett; 11 grandchildren and a sister, Dorothy Cortese of Washington Township, N.J.

He was preceded in death by Wade C. Minnich.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a military service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

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Rodney Nichols

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Mr. Nichols

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He was a registered service member in the archives in Butler and was involved with American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Garrett.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a 1983 graduate of Wayne High School. He loved television movies and was a loving son and brother.

Surviving are his mother, Patricia S. Powell of Auburn, and her husband, Gene Powell; his father, Ronald Nichols of Frostproof, Fla.; a brother, James "Jim" K. Nichols of Fort Wayne; three sisters, and two brothers-in-law, Heather and Carlos Porter of Fort Wayne, Lorna and James Gallogly of Novi, Mich., and Lisa Knudson of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Mary Ann Graves of Fort Wayne; 10 nieces and nephews; an ex-brother-in-law, Jack Knudson of Fort Wayne; and many cousins.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Charles Goe

AUBURN — Charles P. Goe, 85, died Monday, Sept. 22, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Born in DeKalb County, he worked in maintenance for Fruehauf Trailer for 39 years, retiring in 1981.

Mr. Goe

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving from 1944-1946, and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nan and Ben Quaintance of Waterloo; a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Irene Goe of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Debra Smith and Terra Heffley, both of Auburn, Charles Goe and Ben J. Quaintance, both of Waterloo, Douglas Goe of Kendallville, Scott Goe and Todd Goe, both of Garrett and Cherri Lockwood of Huntertown; 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Blanche A. Goe, in 2000, one brother and three sisters.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling there from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb County ICU or Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary, Kendallville.

Eugene Temlin Sr.

TAMPA BAY, Fla. — Eugene W. Temlin Sr. died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, of natural causes.

Mr. Temlin was a loyal Teamsters member.

Survivors include his wife, five children and 13 grandchildren. A son and daughter-in-law, Karl M. and Juliann Temlin; and their three children, Suzanne, Jake, and Harley, reside in Auburn.

Howard Holbrook

GARRETT — Howard J. Holbrook, 52, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, at his home in Garrett.

Service arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Bill Stiverson

LAOTTO — Bill K. Stiverson, 62, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stiverson was born July 1, 1941, in Fort Wayne, to Paul Meredith and Lucille (Tracey) Stiverson.

He retired in 1997 from Navistar after 34 years of service.

Surviving are two sons, Loyal A. Stiverson of Albion and Adam P. Stiverson of Churubusco; a daughter, Nannette Morris of Ligonier; his mother, Lucille Stiverson of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Myrna Stiverson of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tracy Stiverson, a sister, Mary Graham, and a brother, Kenneth Stiverson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Robert Arenobine officiating. Calling is today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Howard Holbrook

GARRETT — Howard J. Holbrook, 52, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003 at his Garrett home.

Mr. Holbrook worked for The Andersons (formerly DeKalb County Co-op) as a certified crop adviser.

He was a 1969 graduate of Garrett High School, a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and Knights of Pythias, and a former member of the DeKalb County Fair Board.

He was born Dec. 10, 1950, in Auburn to Lee Ports Holbrook and Ethel S. (Scheckles) Holbrook. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 21, 1976 in Garrett, he married Fay A. Christlieb. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas P. and Julie V. Holbrook of Madison, Va., and Daniel W. and Denise M. Holbrook of LaOtto; three daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Michael Souder of Avilla, Debra and Jon Langfeldt of Garrett and Danielle and Micah Hefty of Auburn; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Helen Holbrook of LaGrange, Joseph and Carmen Holbrook of LaOtto, and Donnie and Joan Holbrook of Huntertown; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Born in DeKalb County, he worked in maintenance for Fruehauf Trailer for 39 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving from 1944-1946, and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nan and Ben Quaintance of Waterloo; a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Irene Goe of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Debra Smith and Terra Heffley, both of Auburn, Charles Goe and Ben J. Quaintance, both of Waterloo, Douglas Goe of Kendallville, Scott Goe of Garrett, Todd Goe of Fort Wayne and Cherri Lockwood of Huntertown; 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Blanche A. Goe, in 2000, one brother and three sisters.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling there from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital ICU or Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary, Kendallville.

James Henning Sr.

AUBURN — James Carl Walter Henning Sr., 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mr. Henning

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a research chemist at Firestone for more than 30 years, retiring in 1982. He also was member of First United Methodist Church.

He was a Master Mason and 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Western Newton Chapter 489 of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Old Fort Coin Club.

He graduated from Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne in 1946 and from Purdue University in Lafayette in 1950. He did post-graduate work at Akron University.

Surviving are his wife, Janette, of Auburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Dawn Khalili of Indianapolis, Virginia and Fred Mills of Mooresville, Erin and Mike Owen of Hagerstown and Susan Henning-Harris and her husband, Wes, of Bloomington; a son and daughter-in-law, James Henning Jr. and Debbie Henning of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Ian McLuckie of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Ophia; a son, Curtis W. Shelley; and a grandson, Oliver K. McClellan.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson's Foundation, American Red Cross or Boy Scouts of America.

Irene Churilla

ANGOLA — Irene R. Churilla, 80, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Churilla was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. She moved to Angola from Gary in 1988. She graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary in 1943.

She retired in 1982 after 35 years with Raymark Co. (formerly Gary Screw & Bolt).

She was born May 27, 1923, in Gary to John and Pauline (Fetsko) Churilla.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Fred Fender of Hudson; and two nieces and their husbands, Susan and Hal Beas of Berea, Ohio, and Mary Beth and Nick Oyslott of Surrey, England.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating.

Calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, with calling there from 1:30 p.m. until the service.

Memorials are to masses or to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided to the newspaper.

Jesse Stahl

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jesse L. Stahl, 75, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Stahl was born July 7, 1928, in Ashley to George and Margaret (McClellan) Stahl.

He lived his entire life in LaGrange and DeKalb counties. He was a retired farmer.

He married Ruth J. Hanes on Jan. 20, 1949, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, LuAnn and Tom Rodman of Wawaka, Sara and Lynn Houser of Auburn and Betsy Randol and David Lyons of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Marty and Cathy Stahl of Elkhart and Cliff Pelfrey of LaGrange; a brother, Ray Stahl of Garrett; a sister, Betty Dunn of Viper, Ky.; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul; a sister, Mary Nisley; and a son, Ricky.

Services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Boys and Girls Club.

Alma Leathers

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Alma F. Leathers of Sun City died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003.

She was born in Garrett in 1922 to Harold and Lucile (Nelson) Fuller. She moved to Arizona in 1985.

She was an ardent, longtime supporter of the Sun Health Auxiliary, serving as day chairman and managing blood drives.

She was a longtime member of the American Lutheran Church of Sun City and a volunteer at the Lutheran Thrift Shop. She greatly enjoyed bridge activities with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, Al Leathers; a sister, Doris Proehl, and a brother, Harold Fuller Jr.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Charles McNeil of Minneapolis; a son, Dick, of Phoenix; a sister, Glenna Gene Hartig of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday in Bloomdale, Ohio, with burial to follow. Memorials are to Sun Health Auxiliary, P.O. Box 2015, Sun City, AZ 85372-2015.

This obituary is being republished with corrections.

Irene Churilla

ANGOLA — Irene R. Churilla, 80, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at home.

Miss Churilla was born in Gary on May 27, 1923, to John and Pauline (Fetsko) Churilla.

She retired in 1982 after 35 years with Raymark Co. (formerly Gary Screw & Bolt).

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. She moved to Angola from Gary in 1988. She graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary in 1943.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Fred Fender of Hudson; and two nieces and their husbands, Susan and Hal Beas of Berea, Ohio, and Mary Beth and Nick Hazeldine of Oyslott, Surrey, England.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating.

Calling is today at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, from 6-9 p.m.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, with calling there from 1:30 p.m. until the service.

Memorials are masses to th church or to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Maribel Rueda

ANGOLA — Maribel Rueda, 17, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, in an automobile accident in Orland.

Miss Rueda was born Dec. 30, 1985, in Ciudad Hidalgo, Michoacan, Mexico, to Baltazar and Rosa (Garcia) Ruedo, who both survive.

Also surviving are three sisters and a brother.

Miss Rueda's brother, Gilberto Rueda, also died in the accident.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. Phillip Ley officiating. Calling is today from 6 to 9 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Gilberto Rueda

ANGOLA — Gilberto Rueda, 19, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, in an automobile accident in Orland.

Mr. Rueda was born March 23, 1984, in Ciudad Hidalgo, Michoacan, Mexico, to Baltazar and Rosa (Garcia) Ruedo, who both survive.

He was an employee of Walnut Grove Dairy Farm in Fremont.

Also surviving are three sisters and a brother.

Mr. Rueda's sister, Maribel Rueda, also died in the accident.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. Phillip Ley officiating. Calling is today from 6 to 9 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

This obituary is being reprinted with information about additional relatives.

Saturday, September 27, 2003

Kent Miser

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Kent Duane Miser, 56, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, in Fort Collins.

He was born July 8, 1947, in Auburn to Robert C. and Mural Wise Miser.

He was raised in Waterloo and later moved to Roswell, N.M. He moved to Fort Collins in 1993.

He graduated from high school in Waterloo, attended Indiana University and later graduated from Southwest Business College in Roswell, N.M., with a degree in accounting.

Mr. Miser worked for the Hampton Inn in Loveland, Colo., as a bookkeeper and night auditor.

He was a member of the Roswell, N.M., Methodist Church and regularly attended the Colorado State University women's basketball games. His hobbies included ice skating, history and old movies and he had a special love for poodles.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Ann Miser of Hilo, Hawaii; a sister-in-law, Kay Miser of Auburn; and nieces Trina, Carrie and Kim, all of Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Kevin C. Miser.

Services were held Friday at Allnut Funeral Service in Fort Collins. Maria McLain Cox, chaplain of Hospice of Larimer County, officiated. Interment was in Grandview Cemetery.

Memorials are to the CSU Foundation (for the women's basketball program) in care of Allnut Funeral Service, 650 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526.

To view an online obituary and sign the family guestbook, visit www.allnutt.com.

Erma Cool

AUBURN — Erma L. Cool, 78, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Woodburn, she was a teacher in DeKalb Central schools for 11 years, retiring in 1986.

Mrs. Cool

She was a 1943 graduate of McIntosh High School in Auburn. At St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, she earned a bachelor of science degree in education in 1970 and a master of arts degree in education in 1973.

A lifetime professional artist, she painted and exhibited her work for 40 years. She won awards and exhibited in the Tri Kappa Art Show of Auburn, Van Wert Museum, Adventure Show of Fort Wayne, Performing Arts Center and DeKalb County Free Fall Fair.

She was a past president of Sigma Phi Gamma, ETP Lambda Chapter, and a member of the Fort Wayne Art Guild, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the St. Mark's Women's Society-Faith Circle and the Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are two sisters, Janet "Jan" Johnson and Lela R. Dunn, both of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Leonard R. McCollough of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert R. Cool, in 1989, and her parents.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn, with calling at the church from 9-10 a.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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James Henning Sr.

AUBURN — James Carl Walter Henning Sr., 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mr. Henning

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a research chemist at Firestone for more than 30 years, retiring in 1982. He also was member of First United Methodist Church.

He was a Master Mason and 32nd Degree Mason; a member of Western Newton Chapter 489 of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Old Fort Coin Club.

He graduated from Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne in 1946 and from Purdue University in Lafayette in 1950. He did post-graduate work at Akron University.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Janette, of Auburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Dawn Khalili of Indianapolis, Virginia and Fred Mills of Mooresville, Erin and Mike Owen of Hagerstown and Susan Henning-Harris and her husband, Wes, of Bloomington; a son and daughter-in-law, James Henning Jr. and Debbie Henning of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Ian McLuckie of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his first wife of 31 years, Doris Maxfield "Michaela" Wiggins of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Ophia; three infant daughters; a stepson, Curtis W. Shelley; and a grandson, Oliver K. McClellan.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson's Foundation, American Red Cross or Boy Scouts of America.

Monday, September 28 , 2003

Robert Forker

ALBION — Robert Forker, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at his home.

Services are pending at the Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion.

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Monday, September 29, 2003

Shirley Mack

ST. JOE — Shirley E. Mack, 64, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003, at 12:10 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mack was a cook at St. Joe Restaurant for 16 years. She was a former member of the Concord and Spencerville fire departments and the DeKalb Emergency Medical Service.

She was born Aug. 25, 1939, in St. Joe to Kenneth D. and Zola (Wolford) Coburn.

She married Thomas Mack on May 30, 1959, in Waterloo. He survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenny and Tammy Mack of Butler, Stan and Tammy Mack of St. Joe and Alan Mack of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Jim Erne of St. Joe; a brother, Floyd "Butch" Coburn of Butler; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Carlin.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Douglas Holley will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery of St. Joe.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana.

Pauline McBride

AUBURN — Pauline McBride, 89, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. McBride lived in Auburn and was a former resident of Corunna.

Mrs. McBride

She worked as a cook in a number of local restaurants, including Country Kitchen, Green Parrot and Copper Kettle, and at Tri-State University.

She was a member of the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church and was active in the Heimach Center and RSVP in DeKalb County, and the Fairfield Home Extension Club.

She was born May 7, 1914, in Sturgis, Mich., to Paul and Blanche (Lung) Smith.

She married Howard McBride on Dec. 20, 1939, in Noblesville. He died Jan. 30, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ross and Judith McBride of Fort Wayne and Norman and Nancy McBride of Lincoln, Neb.; three brothers, Van Smith of Ashley, Wayne Smith of Fair Grove, Mo., and Gilbert Smith of Fresno, Calif.; six sisters, Hilda Reinoehl of Ashley, Beth Hoskins of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Isabelle Kravik of Mesa, Ariz., Betty Cox of Battle Creek, Mich., and Janet Tracey and Jeanne Knisley, both of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren, Lance McBride, Jeff McBride, Brian McBride, Brenda Sinclair and Roger McBride; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Richard Smith.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church or the Heimach Center in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Snyder

ASHLEY — Donald E. Snyder, 74, of rural Ashley, died today, Sept. 29, 2003, at 1 a.m.

Service arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson.

Helen Miller

CHURUBUSCO — Helen F. Miller, 56, of rural Churubusco, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003, at 7 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. She had been ill since June.

Mrs. Miller

She had worked as a teachers' aide at Churubusco Elementary School and later at Pure Sealed Dairy in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1965.

A member of Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco, she loved the Lord and enjoyed spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren and extended family.

She was born Aug. 26, 1947, in Garrard, Ky., to Bert and Hanna M. (Asher) Patton.

She married Dennis E. Miller on May 5, 1973, near Churubusco. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Jeff Kirchner of Columbia City and Angie and John Perlich of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Zach and Jeni Miller of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Bert and Mary Jane Patton of Columbia City; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Jo Ann Patton and Sue Iannucilli, both of Churubusco, Shirley and Larry Farrell of Fort Wayne, Millie and Steve Creech of Auburn and Patty and Brian Kline of Waterloo; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael Patton of Dallas, Larry Patton of Churubusco, Pat and Sandy Patton of Churubusco and Bob Patton of Tucson, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a sister, Phyllis McLaughlin.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Believer's Bible Fellowship. Pastor Rick Van Horn will officiate. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Robert Hockenbarger

GARLAND, Texas — Robert Francis Hockenbarger, 68, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, in Garland.

He was an Air Force veteran, a longtime railroad employee, avid pool player, and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Mr. Hockenbarger was born April 6, 1935, in Kendallville to John W. and Leotta (Beuchat) Hockenbarger. He lived in Kendallville until he joined the Air Force.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nickole and Richard Block Sr. of Garland; an aunt, Leona Patterson of Helmer; an uncle, Frank Hockenbarger of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Richard Block Jr., Jennifer Block and Ariel Block, all of Garland.

Graveside services were in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with full military honors.

Tuesday, September 30 , 2003

Maxine Cook

HUNTERTOWN — Maxine Cull Cook, 73, of Huntertown, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003.

Mrs. Cook retired from Byron Health Center in 1985. She was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church and enjoyed giving to others, animal shelters, the church nursery, collecting teapots and going to flea markets.

She was born June 23, 1930, in Marion to Harry and Hazel (Cox) Thornburg.

Surviving are her husband, Donald Cook; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Martin Frane of Fort Wayne, Barbara and Robert Dickerson of Kokomo and Debra and Tony High of Garrett; one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Carolyn Cull of Columbia City; one stepson and his wife, Cody and Joyce Cull of LaGrange; one brother, Melvin Thornburg; one sister, Eva Mae Carpenter of Marion; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a canine companion, Chalupa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Charles Cull; several brothers and sisters and a son-in-law.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in LaOtto Wesleyan Church, with pastors Lois and Jim Watkins officiating. Burial will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Donald Snyder

ASHLEY — Donald E. Snyder, 74, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003.

Mr. Snyder was a lifetime DeKalb County resident and had farmed all his life. He served in the U.S. Army from Nov. 18, 1953, to Oct. 19, 1955.

Mr. Snyder

He was an avid fan of Indiana University basketball and was a Chicago Cubs fan. He loved his grandchildren dearly and loved to watch their ball games. He was also a fan of the 4-H program.

He was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church, Angola American Legion Post 31, and Parents Without Partners.

He was born June 26, 1929, in Garrett to Paul and Jeanette (Imler) Snyder.

He married Barbara E. Baumgartner on Aug. 22, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Stan Logan of Ashley; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dave and Deb Snyder and Mike and Cindy Snyder, all of Ashley, and Steve and Carmen Snyder of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine and Donald Pressler of Waterloo and Gayle and Kenneth Koeppe of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson, with Frank Weller of the Butler Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett, with military graveside services conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ashley Baseball and Softball Association.

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Russell Morton

AUBURN — Russell L. Morton, 80, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Morton was the chief executive officer of Auburn Motor Sales. He had owned the company since 1950 and served as its president for many years.

Mr. Morton

He was a 51-year member of the Auburn Lions Club and a past president of the club. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow award, the Lions' most prestigious award.

He also was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Auburn Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Shrine Club and the Cedar Creek Shrine Club.

He was a 60-year member of the Auburn post of the American Legion and a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member and served on the board of directors of the 86th Infantry Black Hawk Division.

He served four years as a member of the Auburn City Council.

He was born Nov. 1, 1922, in Melbern, Ohio, to Donald A. and Belle (Bever) Morton.

He married Mildred Oberlin on Dec. 26, 1944, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Karen Morton of Auburn and Mark and Pam Morton of Hamilton; a daughter-in-law, Karla Morton of Auburn; two grandchildren and their spouses, Holly and Justin Jordon and Jason and Amy Morton; and two great-grandchildren, Carson and Parker Morton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Gary Morton.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. D.V. Dillinger and the Rev. Paul Burris will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery with graveside services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn First United Methodist Church or Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

George Edwards

FORT WAYNE — George Jonathan Edwards, 80, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at 8:30 p.m. at his residence.

Mr. Edwards retired in 1985 from Zollner Corp. after 32 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born Feb. 14, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Floyd N. and Edith E. (Reichard) Edwards.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte A. Edwards; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy and Albert Deininger of Garrett, and Sharon and Jerry Smith, Denise and Gene Keller, and Amy Edwards, all of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, George M. and Cathy Edwards of Ossian and Steven M. and Nancy Edwards of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Lois Edwards of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lucille Keller.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Richard Niles will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, with military graveside services conducted by American Legion Post 241.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice and Cancer Services of Allen County.

Florence Cavender

FORT WAYNE — Florence Cavender, 91, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at 6:20 a.m. at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

After graduating from Leiters Ford High School in Fulton County, Miss Cavender entered Fort Wayne Bible Institute, now known as Taylor University.

After graduating in 1935, she pastored three years at the Faith Missionary Church on the outskirts of Fort Wayne. After this, she was directing and training teachers for vacation Bible schools.

Miss Cavender then earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1943 from Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. She also had one quarter of postgraduate work at Asbury Theological Seminary.

In October 1944, she entered Colombia, South America, as a missionary with The Oriental Missionary Society, now known as OMS International, where she served for the next 33 years. She was ordained as a minister of the gospel by OMS.

After retirement, she continued by serving two terms in Taiwan. An account of her work, much of which was with the Kuna Indian people of the jungle, can be read in the book, "His Banner Over Me," which she wrote. It is available through OMS International in Greenwood.

Miss Cavender was a former member of the First Missionary Church of Fort Wayne and a member of the Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church of Goshen.

She was born Sept. 23, 1912, in Fulton County as the second oldest of six children born to Edward and Mary (McGrew) Cavender.

Surviving are a sister, Dorothy Davis of Phoenix; a brother, Gerald Cavender of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Chester, Wilbur and Howard, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Yoder Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Eugene Wittig, who was a missionary with her in Colombia, and the Rev. George Nantz of Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church in Goshen will officiate. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery in Leiters Ford.

Calling is Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to OMS International.

Peggy Roberts

POLO, Ill. — Peggy Irene Roberts, 61, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at 3:58 p.m.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Polo for five years. She enjoyed camping in northeast Indiana and spending time with her family.

She was born in 1941 in Covington, Ky., the daughter of the late Kenwood and Thelma Irene (Waters) Ramsey.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Cathy Roberts of Garrett, Kelly Roberts of Galena, Ill., Charlie Roberts of Wyoming, Mich., and Casey and Jenni Roberts of Polo, Ill; three daughters and sons-in-law, Glenna and John McNeely of Galena, Ill., Michelle and Chuck Cunningham of Waukesha, Wis., and Lenora and Steve Yanez of Inglewood, Ill.; a sister, Donna Haeney of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Kenwood Ramsey Jr. of Westville; and nine grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at Benson Funeral Home in. Polo, Ill.

Mary Helf

GARRETT — Mary K. Helf, 84, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at 7:55 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett, where she had resided for eight months.

Mrs. Helf was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn for 11 years before moving to Miller's Merry Manor.

She was born Jan. 21, 1919, in Jefferson Township to Earl and Deta (Kock) Smith.

She married Walter S. Helf on Aug. 15, 1939, in West Unity, Ohio. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen S. and Kenneth L. Smith of Waterloo; a son-in-law, David A. Crowe of Auburn; one sister, Grace Yarick of Traverse City, Mich.; a sister in-law, Evelyn Beals of Arizona; a brother-in-law, Don Helf of Sylvania, Ohio; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Nancy L. Crowe; and five brothers, Ralph Smith, Robert Smith, Merritt Smith, Marion Smith and Cloyd Smith.

A private family service is planned. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Argyl Shenk

LAOTTO — Argyl Lee Shenk died early today, Oct. 2, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements are pending with Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Spencer Beck

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Spencer D. Beck, 46, died Tuesday evening, Sept. 30, 2003, at his home following an illness.

Mr. Beck was employed as a machine operator and tow motor driver with Powers & Sons Inc. of Montpelier. He graduated from Montpelier High School in 1977.

He was born July 1, 1957, in Montpelier to Clarence and Helen L. (Haifley) Beck.

He married Michelle J. Gill on Feb. 11, 1984. She survives.

Also surviving are his father; two daughters, Holly S. Beck and Molly A. Beck, both of Montpelier; a brother and sister-in-law, Byron and Ellen Beck of Edon, Ohio; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lela Mae and Alonzo Furrow of Bryan, Ohio, and Mitzi Kay and Howard Morton of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Basil Krathwohl.

Services were today at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier. Pastor John Rumple officiated. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorials are to Hospice Care of Williams/Fulton Counties.

George Crager

KENDALLVILLE — George Crager, 74, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Crager had lived in Sturgis, Mich., and worked for a number of years at Paper Mill in White Pigeon, Mich. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born July 24, 1929, in Hueysville, Ky., the son of Melvin and Laura (Handshoe) Crager.

Surviving are his companion of 22 years, Daisy Rugg of LaGrange; four brothers, Raymond Crager of Hamilton, Burnis Crager and Johnny Crager, both of Corunna, and Steve Crager of Arizona; and five sisters, Annes Squire of Waterloo, Agnes Bolen of West Virginia, Dorles Oliver of Ohio, Viola Morales of Texas, and Bonnie Conley of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Dorothy Mosley, and a brother, Carlos Crager.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Argyl Shenk

LAOTTO — Argyl Lee Shenk, 74, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, at his home in LaOtto.

Mr. Shenk worked for International Harvester from 1959 to 1983 and drove for Horizon Transport. He was a lifetime farmer.

He was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and Indiana Farm Bureau and an ambassador for Albion Production Credit Corp.

A member of Noble County Tractor Club, he attended many antique tractor shows. He also was a former member of the Rolling Oldies Car Club.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born April 1, 1929, in Butler Township in southwestern DeKalb County to Frank and Agnes (Thibaut) Shenk.

He married Evanell A. Sutherland on July 23, 1955, in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, near Ashley. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis Lee Shenk and his fiancee, Colleen Whittenberger, and Douglas Alan Shenk and his wife, Donna, all of Garrett; two grandchildren, Stephanie Nix and Matthew Shenk; two great-grandchildren, Sydney and Cole Nix; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward and Russell Shenk, and a sister, Ruth Brado.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in rural Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Howard Anningson

WINDSOR, Nova Scotia, Canada — Howard Kitchener "Jack" Anningson, 85, formerly of Hampton, New Brunswick, Canada, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, at the Gladys Manning Retirement Complex in Windsor.

Mr. Anningson retired in 1974, after teaching 29 years in the Saint John area with the Saint John School District. He was a veteran of the Second World War, serving overseas in the North Shore Regiment of the Canadian Army. He was an active member of the Smithtown Baptist Church in Smithtown, N.B.

He was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Campbellton, N.B., a son of the late John and Alice (Montgomery) Anningson.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, the former Dorothy Adele Colette; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and David Coulter of Silverton, Manitoba; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Richard Anningson and Sandra Anningson of Auburn and the Rev. Howard Anningson and Carol Anningson of Grand Manan; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Fred Cogswell of Victoria, B.C.; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Vivian Maxwell of Acamac, N.B.; Constance Budd of Gananoque, Ontario; Marjorie Kinsman of Lakeville, Nova Scotia; and Irene and Blair Perrin of Ketepec, N.B.; a brother and sister-in-law, Clifton and Beatrice Anningson of Toronto, Ontario; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Alice Adele Cogswell; four sisters, Laura Aubie, Catherine Sweet, Florence Gilmore and Anne Gibbons; and three brothers, Lester, Harold and Grant Anningson.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Reid's Funeral Home Chapel 1063 Main St., Hampton, N.B. The Rev. Brett Anningson will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Howard Anningson. Interment will be in Titus Hill Cemetery, Titusville.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society. Online donations and condolences may be sent to www.reidsfh.com.

Hilda Bergstrom

AUBURN — Hilda M. Bergstrom, 84, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, in her home.

Mrs. Bergstrom worked at Cooper Industrial Products for 10 years and at Kitchen Quip for six years.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and the Butler Eagles. She was an avid bingo player.

She was born Dec. 13, 1918, in DeKalb County to George and Orpha (Gump) Freeman.

On Aug. 24, 1938, she married Falconer F. Bergstrom at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. He died Aug. 28, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Melony Bergstrom of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Janet Healy of Butler and Vickie and Henry Zecca of Waterloo; three sisters, Martha Blomeke and Majorie Iddings, both of Garrett, and Evelyn Blotkamp of Avilla; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, one grandchild and a son-in-law, Myles Healy.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 5 p.m. Additional calling is Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or the Arthritis Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mildred Beckberger

HUDSON — Mildred J. Beckberger, 100, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was born Sept. 8, 1903, in Orland to Thomas and Bessie (Woodford) Hedglin. She married Walter J. Beckberger March 16, 1922, in Hillsdale, Mich. He preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 1983.

She lived in Hudson for the last 19 years after moving from south of Helmer. She was a homemaker and helped on the family farm. She was a member of West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Aid Society.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, LaVera and Dawson Noll of Hudson; a grandson and his wife, Michael and Linda Noll of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Thomas Noll of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Imogene Buler, Mable Hedglin and Wilma Wilson; and three brothers, Clair Hedglin, Kenneth Hedglin and Harold Hedglin.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Fairfield Cemetery, with Pastor Al Wingfield officiating.

There is no visitation.

Memorials are to Hudson Volunteer Fire Department, West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church, or Shepherd of the Hill.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Ernest Lobsiger

LAGRANGE — Ernest D. Lobsiger, 71, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at 12:50 a.m. in LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Lobsiger retired from Sealed Power in 1980. He was a 1950 graduate of Shipshewana High School.

He was born Jan. 9, 1932, in LaGrange to Daniel and Olive (Wells) Lobsiger. Her parents preceded her in death.

He married Maxine Crain on Nov. 1, 1952, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lauren Vosburgh of Wolcottville and Dannette Wallen of LaGrange; a son, Steven Lobsiger of LaGrange; two brohers, Loren Lobsiger of Bluffton and Kelly Wells of LaGrange; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Herman Lobsiger.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

No funeral service will be conducted. Cremation will take place after the visitation.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the Leukemia Society of America.

Joyce Hall

ANGOLA — Joyce Hall, 55, died Saturday, Oct, 4, 2003, in Cameron Hospital of Angola.

Mrs. Hall was a homemaker. She enjoyed her family and friends and was a true humanitarian, always doing for others.

She was born Sept. 26, 1948, in Coldwater, Mich., to Charles and Myrna Jean (Nichols) Halderman. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Charles D. Hall on June 12, 1967. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jamie Hall of Fremont and Scotty and Rachael Hall; a daughter, Christina Hall of Angola and her fiance, Brandon Davenport; two brothers, Jerry Halderman of Anchorage, Alaska, and Richard C. Halderman of Columbia, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles D. Hall II, on July 28, 1968, and one brother, Charles E. Halderman.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. The Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Stanley Meyer

AVILLA — Stanley L. Meyer, 45, of Avilla died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at 4:45 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Sunday, October 5, 2003

Rosetta Kelly

ANGOLA — Rosetta J. Kelly, 61, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Cener in Angola

Mrs. Kelly was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 12, 1941, in Detroit to Daniel B. and Dorothy M. (Saile) Fletcher. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Armada, Mich.

Also surviving are a significant other, Richard Childress of Angola; one son, Brian Kelly of Angola; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tammy and Rich LaForest of Sterling Heights, Mich., Kim Conway of Pleasant Lake and Wendy and Sean Sanchen of Wichita, Kan.; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Frank Fletcher Sr., Thomas Fletcher and David Fletcher and Linda Clyne; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and John Huff; and six grandchildren.

A brother, Dennis Fletcher, preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in Clyne & Sobocinski Funeral Home, 22121 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, Mich. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, Mich.

Calling is today from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Local arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

This obituary is being republished with changes in names of survivors.

Hilda Bergstrom

AUBURN — Hilda M. Bergstrom, 84, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, in her home.

Mrs. Bergstrom worked at Cooper Industrial Products for 10 years and at Kitchen Quip for six years.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and the Butler Eagles. She was an avid bingo player.

She was born Dec. 13, 1918, in DeKalb County to George and Orpha (Gump) Freeman.

On Aug. 24, 1938, she married Falconer F. Bergstrom at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. He died Aug. 28, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Melanie Bergstrom of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Janet Healy of Butler and Vickie and Henry Zecca of Waterloo; three sisters, Martha Blomeke and Marjorie Miller, both of Garrett, and Evelyn Blotkamp of Avilla; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, one grandchild and a son-in-law, Myles Healy.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 5 p.m. Additional calling is Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or the Arthritis Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Shirley Hantz

FREMONT — Shirley A. Hantz, 36, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Oct. 7, 1966.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Betty Gibson

AVILLA — Betty Gibson, 78, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Gibson was a homemaker and a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Stroh.

She was born May 25, 1925, in Floyd County, Ky., to William and Nancy Margaret (Hicks) Handshoe.

On June 3, 1940, in Garrett, Ky., she married Brance "Tobe" Gibson. He died July 1, 1987.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Madeline and Donald Burns of Alamonte Springs, Fla., Linda and Kyle Towers of Avilla, Millie Pierson of Avilla, and Carol Gibson of Kendallville; six sons and five daughters-in-law, Benton and Judy Gibson of Butler, Bill and Patricia Gibson of Hamilton, Jerry and Valetta Gibson of Corunna, Brance and Sue Gibson Jr. of Auburn, Jeffery and Jodi Gibson of Kendallville, and Jack Gibson of Aurora, Colo.; 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A son, James Gibson, seven brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Chester Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Chester Hicks, 82, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at 12:18 p.m. in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital. He had been ill six months.

Mr. Hicks was a foundry worker and an Army veteran of World War II.

He was born June 7, 1921, in Mousie, Ky., to Hiram and Tempa Janie (Conley) Hicks.

He married Lottie Frazier in 1945 in Garrett, Ky. She died in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Violet Chapman of Pikeville, Ky.; a son, Elis Ray Hicks of Kendallville; three stepsons, Inn Bolen of Churubusco, James Bolen of Kendallville and Blanton Bolen of Garrett, Ky.; a stepdaughter, Oma Hicks of Garrett, Ky.; 26 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Sherley Hicks on Jan. 18; a stepson, Clifton Bolen; seven brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with Elder Russell Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Lisbon Cemetery.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today at the church with a service there at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Leland Bishop

BERNE — Leland "Lee" Bishop, 71, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, at his home in Berne.

He served 36 years as supervisor of the Berne Waste Water Treatment Plant and was a member of Berne's plan commission. He was a member of West Missionary Church.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict, serving on three aircraft carriers.

Surviving are his wife, Norma (Kelley) Sonner-Bishop; a son and daughter-in-law, Cary and Lorie Bishop of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Darla and Scott Doss of Berne; a stepson and his wife, Greg and Terri Sonner of Decatur; two stepdaughters, Kim Sonner of Berne and Greta Schall of Hoagland and her husband, Tim; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in West Missionary Church of Berne. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice of N.E. Indiana and West Missionary Church.

Donald Powell Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Donald M. Powell Jr., 77, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

He was manager of customer service at Phelps Dodge for 25 years, retiring in 1985. He was a 1944 graduate of Central High School.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 and American Legion Post 409 in Leo.

Surviving are his wife, Betty J., Fort Wayne; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Sheila and Ronald Stuckey and Janos and Larry Elder, all of Fort Wayne, Cheryl and Wayne Potts of Columbia City, Carol and Juan Martinez of Angola, and Lori Grames of Auburn; two sisters, Arletta Martin and Phyllis Smith, both of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

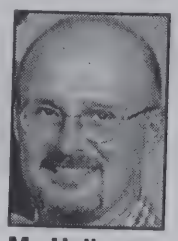
Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association.

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Randall Hull

HUNTERTOWN — Randall Allen Hull, 50, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, at S.R. 234 and S.R. 63 in Vigo County.

He worked as a warehouse manager for Super Valu in Fort Wayne, where he was employed for 27 years.



Mr. Hull

He was born at Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca L. (Warstler) Hull of Huntertown; two daughters, Chelsea R. Hull and Caitlin J. Hull, both of Huntertown; his parents, Dale Willard Hull and Lois Jeanette (Roberson) Hull of Churubusco; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Bradley L. and Deborah Hull of Auburn and Gregory J. Hull of Churubusco; a sister, Zondra L. Hull of Fort Wayne; his father-in-law and his wife, Gene and Janet Warstler of Angola; and his mother-in-law and her husband, Jean and Erv Brendel of Churubusco.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church. Pastor Dave Michel and Pastor Tim Terrell will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery of Churubusco.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hoosier MGB Club or the children's educational fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Roger Weimer

GARRETT — Roger D. Weimer, 66, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at 5:17 p.m. at home.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Garrett United Methodist Church.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

A full obituary for Mr. Weimer will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Thrain Clark

FORT WAYNE — Thrain David Clark, 5 days old, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Timothy and Kay Clark of Fort Wayne; a brother, Owentyr Rain Clark, at home; two half-brothers, Gauge and Savo Rios, at home; two half-sisters, Kayla Storm Clark and Brandy Cragg, at home; his maternal grandparents, Kim and Loretta Kreischer of Auburn; paternal grandparents, Larry and Betty Clark of Fort Wayne; paternal great-grandparents, Susie Richie of South Bend and Eldon and Glona Clark of North Liberty; and maternal great-grandparents, Carl and Mary Huff of Angola and Ada Depew of Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Betty Bowser

CHURUBUSCO — Betty Rose Bowser, 81, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, at Fort Wayne Life Care Center.

She was an assembly worker at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 17 years, retiring in 1979.

She was born in DeKalb County near Auburn, where she spent her formative years. She graduated from Butler High School with the class of 1939.

After her marriage to Wayne W. Bowser on Nov. 29, 1941, she lived in Steuben County until 1962, when she moved to Green Township.

She also spent summers in Rice Lake, Wis., and wintered in Punta Gorda, Fla., for several years.

She assisted her husband on their family farm in Green Township and operated a truck farm produce market for several years.

Her husband preceded her in death on March 20, 1994.

Surviving are six sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald and Peggy Bowser, Danny Bowser, Randy L. Bowser, Wayne A. Bowser and Paul and Julia Bowser, all of Churubusco, and Tom and Carol Bowser of Shalimar, Fla.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Junior Anderson, Roxie and John Scherer and Melody and Mike Bueker, all of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Mary Miller of Gainsville, Mo., and Jim and Sharon Miller of Pleasant Lake; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Donna Northway of Crossville, Tenn., and Shirley and Bob Kugler of LaGrange; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco. The Rev. Steven Ardhuerumly will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery of Churubusco.

Calliig is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to SouthernCare Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

William Platt

BUTLER — William A. Platt, 86, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Platt was a lifetime farmer in Franklin Township of northeastern DeKalb County.

He was born Oct. 4, 1917, in Butler to Robert and Hazel (Smith) Platt.

He married Lydia Rosina Schmidt on March 19, 1945. She died Sept. 17, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Max and Carol Platt of Kendallville; two grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Mindy Platt and Lisa and Doug Bender, all of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren, Lydia and Lucas Platt, Michael Bender and Chaz Lash.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Everetts.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Hogsett will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Porter Stiverson

CELINA, Ohio — Porter Edson Fay Stiverson, 21 days old, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, in Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton, Ohio.

He was born Sept. 13, 2003, in Dayton to Cassandra Stiverson of Celina. His mother survives.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Cecil and Karla Stiverson of Celina; maternal great-grandparents, Fay and Alberta Stiverson and Audrey Schlotterer, all of Celina; and an uncle, Clinton Stiverson of Celina. He was preceded in death by maternal great-grandparents Harold Sheets and Carl Schlotterer.

Services will be Thursday at noon (Indiana time) in Mount Zion United Methodist Church. Burial will be in North Grove Cemetery of Celina.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Weimer.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church. Dr. Scott Moss will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Roger D. Weimer Scholarship at Garrett High School.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Roger Weimer

GARRETT — Roger D. Weimer, 66, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at 5:17 p.m. in Garrett.

Mr. Weimer was a counselor and basketball coach at Garrett High School from 1969 to 1972, and a counselor and basketball coach at Homestead High School from 1972 to 1976. He served as an administrator at Manchester High School from 1976 to 1979, at Churubusco High School from 1979 to 1988 and at Garrett High School from 1988 to 1995, when he retired after 36 years of total service.

Mr. Weimer

He was a 1955 graduate of Garrett High School and 1959 graduate of Manchester College. He received his master's degree from the University of St. Francis in 1964 and received his administrator's license from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Wednesday Night Golf League, Garrett Eagles and Garrett United Methodist Church. He had resided in Garrett for the past 15 years.

He was born Dec. 5, 1936, in Avilla to Howard W. and Margaret S. (Erdly) Weimer. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Patricia L. Miser on Aug. 25, 1956, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Kathryn Lohmeyer of Safety Harbor, Fla., Susan Weimer of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth Kinder of Centerville, Ohio, and Amy Weimer of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren; a brother, Ronald Weimer of Garrett; and two sisters, Sally Porter of Garrett and Betty Hill of Deshler, Ohio.

Doris Yoder

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Doris Elaine Yoder, 83, formerly of Leo-Cedarville, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are three daughters, Janet Griswold of Huntertown, Chrys Kurtz of Leo and Wende Stamets of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lavon Furnish of Auburn; two sisters, Rosemond Northrup and Jean Bailey, both of Auburn; six grandchildren, Paul Griswold Bradley Kurtz, Jennifer Griswold, Sara Cordell, Angie Rekeweg and Eric Stamets; and two great-granddaughters, Sara Griswold and Rei Elaine Griswold.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Derald "Pete" Yoder, and two sisters, Lavern Rafine and Marty Brown.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or Village of Heritage.

Lynn Kimmel

FORT WAYNE — Lynn J. Kimmel, 55, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a U.S. Marines veteran, serving in Vietnam from 1965 to 1971.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Veronica J. and Jerry Jenkins of Grabill; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Joel K. and Barbara Kimmel of Phoenix and Lonney R. and Bernie Kimmel of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon L. and Steven Koester of Fort Wayne and Amerida S. and Dan Crow of St. Joe; three grandchildren; a former wife, Dianna Kimmel of Fort Wayne; and his companion, Allie Collins of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Irvin J. Kimmel.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post 409.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Gladys Ard

GARRETT — Gladys Ruth Ard, 87, of Leesburg, Fla., and formerly of Garrett, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, of cancer.

She was born Aug. 20, 1916, to Oran and Blanche Lyons Leavell.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Richard Furnish of Garrett; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bert Molter of Leesburg and Robert D. and Barbara Fritz of Jacksonville, Fla.; eight brothers and sisters, John Leavell of Fort Wayne, Annamae Adams of Newton, Kan., Betty Neely of Iowa, Rose Battenburg of Santa Rosa, Calif., Fred Leavell of Hicksville, Ohio, Elsie Love of Harlan, Carl Leavell of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mary Brown of Garrett; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were three husbands, Edward Molter, Robert Fritz and Charles Ard; and two sisters, Hazel Thomas and Elberta Lindabury.

Services will be performed by National Cremation Service of Leesburg, Fla.

Memorials are to the family or hospice services.

George White

HELMER — George S. White, 60, died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, at 2:35 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

Mr. White worked at Wal-Mart in Kendallville as an associate in the sports department. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He lived in Helmer for 42 years and was a member of the Helmer Fire Department.

He was born June 16, 1943, in Fort Wayne to William and Ardella (McKenzie) White. They survive in Helmer.

Also surviving are two brothers, Bill White of Butler and Arlen White of Helmer; one sister, Barb Crow of Daytona Beach, Fla.; seven nieces and four nephews.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Ken Ludwig will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling is Friday after 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Mildred Yoder

AUBURN — Mildred Pauline Yoder, 83, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker. She worked as a clerk at Schaab's Department Store in Auburn for 18 years, then worked for Hohám's Clothing Store in Auburn for eight years, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church and its Ruth Circle.

She was born March 9, 1920, in Ossian to Vern P. and Mary C. (Landis) Slane.

She married Richard Yoder on May 10, 1941. He died Jan. 7, 2003.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela Sue Yoder of Fort Wayne, Jean Ann and Terry Howiler of Garrett and Patricia Lou and Carl Hixson of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Lavern and Norman Bushee of Ossian; four grandchildren, Heather Howiler, Heidi Brown, Holly Creager and Troy Hixson; and two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Tyler Barrientes.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia McKinnon.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Clifford Parker

GARRETT — Clifford W. Parker, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Parker

Born in Fort Wayne, he worked for Magnavox Corp. for 45 years, retiring in 1986. He loved to play softball with the Magnavox team and was an elder at Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are three sons, Barry A. Parker and Ricky L. Parker, both of Garrett, and Neal Parker of LaOtto; two brothers, Harold Parker of Wolcottville and Donald Parker of Columbia City; a sister, Helen Vondreau of Desert Springs, Calif.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly J. Parker; his parents; two brothers Virgil and Earl; and two sisters, Vera Briskco and Marjorie Anderson.

Services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Garrett. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church of Garrett.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Marjorie L. Glick**, 59, died Wednesday at her home. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with a Moose Lodge service at 8 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul E. Bell Jr.**, 62, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ's Community Church. Calling 5-8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph A. Harding**, 63, died Wednesday at his home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Judy Legendre Heimberger**, 61, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Rose K. Knapp**, 95, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Services at 7 p.m. Friday at Trinity Church of the Nazarene. Calling from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald M. Kreamelmeyer**, 78, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Calling from 4-6 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Alice I. Spreen**, 76, died Tuesday at her home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel.

TOPEKA — **Walter "Ray" Miller**, 75, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at Eden Worship Center in Honeyville. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the worship center.

Lois Hildinger

GARRETT — Lois B. Hildinger, 89, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Hildinger was a homemaker. A native of Fort Wayne, she formerly lived in New Haven and Hudson. She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Louis W. Hildinger of Indianapolis; three granddaughters, Mary Hildinger, Toby Hildinger and Kim Dringenburg; a grandson, Lee Hildinger; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, in 1976, and a son, William A., in 2001.

Burial will be in Old Concordia Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home of New Haven is in charge of arrangements.

Clifton Byerley

HUNTERTOWN — Clifton D. Byerley, 81, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003, at 6:15 a.m.

Mr. Byerley was employed with Byerley Roofing for 35 years and was a bus driver for Northwest Allen County School Corp. for 21 years, retiring in 1985. He had formerly worked at International Harvester.

He was born Oct. 29, 1921, in Huntertown to Henry and Laura (Eby) Byerley.

On Feb. 16, 1946, in Huntertown he married Betty J. Reichenbach. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, James Byerley of Huntertown; and three sisters, Anges Scott, Hilda Spangle and Martha Folken, all of Huntertown.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Fosnaugh; and two brothers, Eugene and Richard.

There will be no services. Interment will be at a later date in Huntertown Cemetery.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Gwendolyn Cotterman

HAMILTON — Gwendolyn "Gwyn" M. Cotterman, 77, died Thursday afternoon, Oct. 9, 2003, at Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Cotterman was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church of Bryan and attended the Hamilton United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Red Hat Society of Hamilton, a founding member of the Claire Newcomer Club of Bryan and was an avid bridge player.

She was born in Montpelier, Ohio, on Feb. 25, 1926, to Clarence and Hazel (Krontz) Bishoff.

She married John W. Cotterman on Jan. 1, 1949, in St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Montpelier. He died June 17, 2003.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and John Hageman of Kendallville, Cathy and Ben Pierce of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Nancy Cotterman of Fort Lauderdale; a son and daughter-in-law, John David and Nancy Cotterman of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Her parents preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be Monday at 4 p.m. in Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Calling is Monday from 3-4 p.m. at the church.

A private burial will take place in Farmer Cemetery.

Memorials are to the John Cotterman Family Fund of the Bryan Area Foundation or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Albert Werner

AUBURN — Albert Howard Werner, 80, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Werner was born in DeKalb County on Nov. 27, 1922, to Albert Charles and Buelah Idella (Gall) Werner.

He married Martha Brown on Feb. 14, 1949, in Hicksville, Ohio.

He owned and operated the Marathon gas station on the south side of Auburn. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II and later joined American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Michael Howard Werner of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two daughters, Penny Ann Mettert of Auburn and Wanda Ruth Myers of Auburn; two sisters, Evelyn Miller of Kendallville and Shirley Shipe of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Brandy and Mac Mettert, Tracey Abudaya, Trista Rowe, Tye Myers, Matthew, Michele and Markus Werner; two great-grandchildren, Cora Myers and Elijah Mettert; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Allen Nathan and Tyler Pennington.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Darwin Werner; a sister, Bernadine Zelmer; two grandchildren, Janet Gail Mettert and Travis Allen Myers; and one great-grandson, Nicholas Tyan Myers.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Jack Hufnagle

ANGOLA — Jack LaVern Hufnagle, 81, of Angola died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

He was born to Vern and Enola M. (Hutchins) Hufnagle in Fremont on Oct. 25, 1921.

He married Virginia J. Rhodes on Sept. 28, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Hufnagle graduated from Fremont High School in 1940. He enjoyed fishing.

He had lived in the Coldwater, Mich. area, and in Detroit and Florida.

He retired as an employee of the Coldwater Regional Center in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Anthony "Tony" and Phyllis Hufnagle of Ligonier, Martin Hufnagle of Shreveport, La., and Vern C. Hufnagle of Punta Gorda, Fla.; two daughters, Peggy L. Hufnagle of Coldwater and Jill and Mike Waligora of Coldwater; three sisters, Mildred May of Angola, Freda Frain and her husband, John, of Auburn, and Treva and Raymond McClanahan of Punta Gorda, Fla.; 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Rory Hufnagle in 2000; one grandson, Tyler Hufnagle; one granddaughter, Teena Stutzman; three sisters, Gladys Wyatt, Katherine Hufnagle and Leona Nichols; and one brother, Robert Hufnagle.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Richard Etner and Anthony W. Hufnagle Jr. officiating.

Calling will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

Sunday, October 12, 2003

Mancel Clark

CHURUBUSCO — Mancel M. Clark, 74, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at his daughter's home in Churubusco.

Mr. Clark was born Oct. 19, 1928, in Diamond, Ky., to David A. and Verda Z. (Pace) Clark. He was an iron worker for Freeland Steel, and retired in 1984.

He was a member of the Henderson Moose Lodge No. 732 in Henderson, Ky. He enjoyed spending time with his family, and was also an avid golfer. He was a World War II veteran who served in the Army in Japan.

Surviving are four children, Audry S. Husk of Churubusco, Cindy L. (Clark) McDowell of Langley, Wash., Craig W. Goforth of Tulsa, Okla., and Tracy Kirkpatrick; a sister, Jackie Griggs of Wheatcroft, Ky.; a brother, Jimmy Clark of Henderson; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Santino Bartolota.

No services or calling will be held. Cremation has taken place.

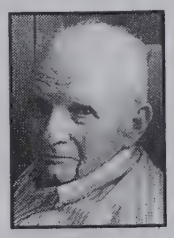
Memorials are to the Mancel Clark Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Clair Earnhart

KIMMELL — Lifetime Noble County resident Clair Earnhart, 83, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at home.

Mr. Earnhart was born Aug. 27, 1920, in Sparta Township, Noble County, to Glenn and Ilah (DaVault) Earnhart. He married Kathryn Folk on June 3, 1944, in Whitley County at Loon Lake. She survives.



Mr./Mrs.

He had been a farmer as well as a machinist for Dana Corp. in Syracuse.

He was a member of Noble County Pork Producers, and the Hampshire Swine Registry Club. He had been named Conservation Farmer of the Year for the Noble County Soil & Water District in 1990.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry J. and Pamela Earnhart of Cromwell and Fay Earnhart of Columbia City; two brothers, Edgar A. "Joe" Earnhart of Anchorage, Alaska, and Russell Earnhart of Mishawaka; three grandchildren, Tony Earnhart of Kimmell, Deborah Mehl of Wolf Lake and Ann Tenney of Columbia City; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David A. Earnhart, a brother, Nelson J. Earnhart, and two sisters, Roselyn Earnhart and Ardith Thompson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice.

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Allen Fordeck

KENDALLVILLE — Allen H. Fordeck, 90, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at home.

Mr. Fordeck was born May 1, 1913, in Chicago, to Joseph and Inez (Johnson) Fordeck. He married Doris R. Krotzer on June 11, 1939, in Kendallville, and she survives.

He was a 1931 Avilla High School graduate. He was the owner of Fordeck & Kemerly Electric from 1947 to 1972, and was also a farmer. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, and was a 50-year member of the Kendallville Lodge No. 276 F & AM.

Mr. Fordeck

He was a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, and also Moose Lodge No. 1301. He was an active member of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Wayne Giampietro of Lincolnshire, Ill., and Kathryn and James Lucy of Monticello; a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Billie Fordeck of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Ann Fordeck of Tecumseh, Mich.; a brother, James "Stan" Fordeck of Avilla; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Sandy" Fordeck, and two brothers, William and Robert.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. David Hogsett officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Churubusco.

Memorials are to trinity Church United Methodist of Parkview-Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences can be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sunday, October 12, 2003

Loraine Deller

ANGOLA — Loraine Marie Deller, 58, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at home.

Mrs. Deller was born May 25, 1945, in Angola, to Milton and Velma (Warner) Seehawer. Her mother survives in Angola.

She was married to Randy Deller on Dec. 31, 1983. He preceded her in death in 1999.

She was a homemaker. She attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, and was a member of its singles group. She enjoyed bowling and was in a bowling league. She was a volunteer for the Steuben County Literacy Coalition.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Angela and Scott Masseau of Angola and Laura and Joe Teeter of Union City, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Cathy Book of Angola; her mother-in-law, Ilene (Rosie) Deller of Fremont; a sister-in-law, Candy Deller Oliver of Angola; two brothers-in-law, Rick Deller of Coldwater, Mich., and Lyle Bickle of Orland; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mike Book in 1981, her father and a sister, Carol Bickle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Norman Fuller officiating. Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Literacy Coalition or Parkview North Hospice.

Madge McClellan

READING, Mich. — Madge E. McClellan, 90, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility in Hillsdale, Mich.

Mrs. McClellan was born Jan. 3, 1913, in Angola to John and Edith (Eggleston) Kratzer. She was married to Herbert G. McClellan on Aug. 29, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1989.

She graduated in 1931 from Allen High School in Allen, Mich.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janice M. and Arthur Duryea of Glen Mills, Pa.; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Bonnie McClellan of Reading; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Franklin and Carol and Wendell and Esther Kratzer, all of Allen; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Donald G. McClellan, a sister, Hope Daglow, and a granddaughter, Linda Lewis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at George White Funeral Home, Reading, with Pastor Don Harkey officiating. Calling is Monday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Reading.

Memorials are to Cambria Baptist Church or the Reading Emergency Unit.

Emily Parrish

ANGOLA — Emily R. Parrish, 69, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Parrish was born March 21, 1934, in Steuben County, to Andrew and Lela (Engler) Cope. She married James Lee Parrish on Nov. 7, 1952, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1999.

She was retired from Aro Corp. in Angola.

She enjoyed cooking and Sunday dinners with her family.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Rex and Teri Parrish of Fremont, and Rick, Randy and Rusty Parrish, all of Angola; a brother, Delbert Cope of Angola; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a son, Rodney Parrish in 1976, five sisters and five brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Calling is Monday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Neomi B. Robinson

ANGOLA — Neomi B. Robinson, 64, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Robinson was born March 13, 1939, in Lansing, Mich., to Oscar S. Sr. and Rosemary (Spring) Garrison. Her mother survives in Butler.

She married Henry L. Robinson on Nov. 14, 1963, in Michigan, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1982.

She worked as a cashier and clerk at the Speedway gas station in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cindy Shaw of Hamilton and Gwen A. Sims of Ethel, Miss.; four sons, William W. Robinson of Angola, Daniel A. Tink of Fremont, Levi C. Tink of Salem Center and Charles S. Tink of Ethel; a brother, Oscar S. Garrison of California; a sister, Effie R. Jones of Angola; 27 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a son, Oscar D. Robinson.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Cremation will follow services.

Memorials are to Steuben County United Way.

Ilene Sliger

AUBURN — Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett for Ilene R. Sliger, 69.

Mrs. Sliger

Mrs. Sliger died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at home.

Carl Trumbull

ALBION — Carl M. Trumbull, 80, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Trumbull was born May 20, 1923, in Collins, to Floyd and Mary (Knight) Trumbull. He married Alice Tucker on Sept. 4, 1948, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Mr. Trumbull

He worked for Allied Feed Mill in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring in 1985. He was a lifetime resident of the Albion area. He enjoyed his family, his dog, bluegrass music and the outdoors.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Fred Back of Fremont; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Grace Branning of Etna and Mable and Ralph Creech of Collins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Yolonde Hartley

FORT WAYNE — Yolonde A. Hartley, 67, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hartley was born on Aug. 31, 1936, in Fort Wayne. She and her husband, Albert Hartley, were lifelong residents of Fort Wayne.

She graduated from Concordia High School in 1954 and received a bachelor's degree in education from River Forest University. She earned her master's degree from the University of Saint Francis.

She worked as a Lutheran schools teacher for over 40 years, starting her career at Peace Lutheran. She then worked at Concordia Lutheran, later retiring from Ascension Lutheran in June 2003.

Mrs. Hartley was a longtime summer resident of Hamilton Lake. She was known for her humor and being a loving mother.

Surviving are a son, Tal Hartley of Hamilton; a daughter, Deadre Hartley of Fort Wayne; a sister, Arnella Setty of New Auburn, Wis., and a brother, John Hitzeman of Roanoke.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Glen Hitzeman.

Memorial services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with Ascension Lutheran Church Pastor Allen Parks officiating.

Visitation will be Monday at the church from 11 a.m. until the memorial service.

Memorials are to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Foundation, 1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO, 63122.

Arrangements are by Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater, Mich.

Monday, October 13, 2003

Robert Newcomer

VAN WERT, Ohio — Robert V. Newcomer, 86, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at his home in Van Wert.

Mr. Newcomer was a farmer and worked as a conductor for Conrail for 36 years, retiring Jan. 4, 1978. He was a 60-year member of the union of the Penn Central Railroad. He belonged to Wesley United Methodist Church in Van Wert.

He was born April 7, 1917, in Franklin Township in northeastern DeKalb County to Elmer and Junie (Shultz) Newcomer.

He married Betty Warsler on March 20, 1937. She died Nov. 1, 1983.

He married Mary Subler on Sept. 8, 1989, in Van Wert. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Doris Newcomer of Citrus Springs, Fla.; three stepsons and their wives, Mike and Rebecka Lingmann of San Antonio, Texas, Leonard and Laura Subler of Van Wert and Larry and Gina Subler of Ohio City, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Larry Holt of Farmington, Minn., and Teresa and Larry Springer of Spencerville; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Judy and Abe Luce of Van Wert, Nancy Friemoth of Middlepoint, Ohio, and Tina and Mike Owens of Van Wert; five grandchildren, Cheryl Champion, Pamela Schenk, Jennie Springer, Laurie Springer and Amy Albert; 16 stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Van Wert Hospice and Visiting Nurses.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Irene Sliger

AUBURN — Ilene R. Sliger, 69, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at 6 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Sliger

Mrs. Sliger served as a legal secretary for Kruse and Kruse in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, a 40-year member of the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club and a 40-year member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. She had lived in Auburn for 40 years.

She was the secretary-treasurer for Company E-38th Infantry Regiment and was the coordinator for her husband's annual reunion of soldiers who served in the Korean conflict.

She was born Oct. 21, 1933, in Garrett to Randall R. and Mable (Kruse) Balliet. They preceded her in death.

On Oct. 21, 1959 in Garrett, she married Karl B. Sliger. He survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Laurence and Pauline Balliet of Corunna; a sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Galen Weber of Edgerton, Ohio; several nieces, nephews and cousins and many loving and caring friends.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King Street, Garrett. The Rev. John Boyanowski will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Additional calling will be Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

Alma May Frost

CORUNNA — Alma May Frost, 64, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, at Revere Place in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Frost

Mrs. Frost was a homemaker. She was born Dec. 15, 1938, in Hazard, Ky. to French and Dora (Perkins) Gamble.

Surviving are five sons, John McCosh of Charlotte, N.C., Mark McCosh of Garrett, Rodger McCosh of Auburn, Robert Kohne of St. Petersburg, Mo., and James Frost of Garrett; two daughters, Beth Jennings of Garrett and Cindy Fairchild of Kendallville; three brothers, Andy Gamble of Garrett, Ed Gamble of Fort Worth, Texas, and Charlie Gamble of Michigan; four sisters, Emma Harter of Corunna, Bertha Payton of Garrett, Eva McClellan of St. Palms, Fla., and Carolyn High of Helmer; 11 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, John Gamble, and one sister, Betty Payton.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Steve Eckert will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Betty Longardner

ST. JOE — Betty Jane Longardner, 78, died Monday morning, Oct. 13, 2003, at her home in Garrett. She was a former resident of St. Joe.

Mrs. Longardner was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She also was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 4, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Frances (Kirchner) Klepper. They preceded her in death.

She married retired Capt. Robert Longardner on Aug. 25, 1944, in Syracuse. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Longardner Jr. of Garrett and Frank Longardner of Auburn; two daughters, Francine Rice of Atlanta and Lynette Schlemmer of Auburn; three grandsons, Trey Cahill, Tim Disney and Rick Stafford; and a sister, Delores Webb of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Dennis Stafford; five brothers, Edward, Edwin, Dayton, Clayton and Charles Knepper; and three sisters, Mildred Berning, Florence Schram and Frances LaFever.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706.

Robert Newcomer

VAN WERT, Ohio — Robert V. Newcomer, 86, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at his home in Van Wert.

Mr. Newcomer

Mr. Newcomer was a farmer and worked as a conductor for Conrail for 36 years, retiring Jan. 4, 1978. He was a 60-year member of the union of the Penn Central Railroad. He belonged to Wesley United Methodist Church in Van Wert.

He was born April 7, 1917, in Franklin Township in northeastern DeKalb County to Elmer and Junie (Shultz) Newcomer.

He married Betty Warsler on March 20, 1937. She died Nov. 1, 1983.

He married Mary Subler on Sept. 8, 1989, in Van Wert. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Doris Newcomer of Citrus Springs, Fla.; three stepsons and their wives, Mike and Rebecka Lingmann of San Antonio, Texas, Leonard and Laura Subler of Van Wert and Larry and Gina Subler of Ohio City, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Larry Holt of Farmington, Minn., and Teresa and Larry Springer of Spencerville; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Judy and Abe Luce of Van Wert, Nancy Friemoth of Middlepoint, Ohio, and Tina and Mike Owens of Van Wert; five grandchildren, Cheryl Champion, Pamela Schenk, Jennie Springer, Laurie Springer and Amy Albert; 16 stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Van Wert Hospice and Visiting Nurses.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

Helen Williamson

ETNA GREEN — Helen W. Williamson, 87, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, at 8:05 a.m. in her home in the care of her family.

Mrs. Williamson was a talented homemaker and a lady farmer. She was an avid student of genealogy, tracing the Ulmer and Williamson histories back many generations to Norway and the Black Forests of Germany.

She was a graduate of Etna Green High Scool and a member of the Etna Green United Methodist Church, Etna Green Home Economics Club, Genealogical Society and 1st Families of Ohio. She was a 4-H leader.

She was born Dec. 16, 1915, in Alba, Mo., to E. Mearl and Josephine Thomas Ulmer.

She married Lester Williamson on March 24, 1935. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nancy Fites of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Russell and Toni Williamson of Tyler, Texas, and Michael and Anita Williamson of Bourbon; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Todd and Lisa L. Fites of Northville, Mich., Lisa and Chuck Fewell of Granger, Rena and Leon Thomas and Dan and Angie Williamson, all of Etna Green, Ryan and Melissa Williamson of Valparaiso, Dayna and Brandon Bell of Burlington, Ind., and James and Lydia Williamson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 16 great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Brandon Fewell, Sidney, Nicklaus and Addison Fites, Cass and Corey Thomas, Jack Michael, Taryn, Janae and Kirston Williamson, Wess and Reece Williamson and Wyatt and Owen Williamson; and a brother, Lawrence Ulmer of Etna Green.

She was preceded in death by a son, James; a son-in-law, Doug Fites; a great-grandson, Charlie Fewell; and three brothers, Robert, Wade and George.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Etna Green United Methodist Church. Pastor Joe Lampton and Ryan Williamson will officiate. Burial will be in Etna Green Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Deaton Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Etna Green United Methodist Church.

Leona Haley

ASHLEY — Leona D. Haley, 84, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Haley was a homemaker and had lived in Ashley since 1989.

She was born Jan. 7, 1919, in Rumford, Maine, to Michael and Mary Ann (Tardis) Casey.

She married Frederick Haley in 1940. He died in 1988.

Surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and William Davis of Ashley, Margaret and John Ambruso of Roxbury, Conn., Linda and Garey Schumacher of Leominster, Mass., Elizabeth and Robert Kimball of Poland, Maine, Helen and Tom Driscoll of Hunando, Fla., and Tami and John Janowicz of Macomb, Mich.; a son, John Haley of Middleport, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Thomas Haley, one brother and one sister.

Calling is Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

No funeral service is planned.

Burial will be in Auburn, Maine.

Robert Trader

SARASOTA, Fla. — Robert Benton Trader, 81, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003.

Mr. Trader grew up on Wilson Street in Auburn and attended Auburn High School, where he played basketball.

He came to Sarasota in 1990 from Kalamazoo, Mich., where he was a professor at Western Michigan University, retiring in 1986 after 34 years on the faculty. He helped establish the first Department of Marketing in the new College of Business and was chairman of that department.

As a longtime member of the American Marketing Association, he served as president of the West Michigan Chapter.

He received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University, a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate from Michigan State University.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Force stationed in England.

Since moving to Sarasota, he had been an active tennis member of the Meadows Country Club and was elected to serve on the board of governors. He also served on the board of his condominium association and had been a volunteer at Doctors Hospital and at Southeast Guide Dogs Inc.

He was born Sept. 21, 1922, in Dunkirk to Dr. Wilbert Trader and Jeanette (Smith) Trader. His father was a chiropractor in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Babette; two daughters, Christine Burris (Russell) and Diane, and two granddaughters, Erin and Kelly Burris, all of Kalamazoo; a sister, Jean Cress of Warren; and a very close cousin, Charles Kaufman of Tucson, Ariz.

Memorials are to the Robert B. Trader Scholarship Fund, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Leona Haley

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Mrs. Haley was a homemaker and had lived in Ashley since 1989.

She was born Jan. 7, 1919, in Rumford, Maine, to Michael and Mary Ann (Tardis) Casey.

She married Frederick Haley in 1940. He died in 1988.

Surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and William Davis of Ashley, Margaret and John Ambruso of Roxbury, Conn., Linda and Garey Schumacher of Leominster, Mass., Elizabeth and Robert Kimball of Poland, Maine, Helen and Tom Driscoll of Hunando, Fla., and Tami and John Janowicz of Macomb, Mich.; a son, John Haley of Middleport, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Thomas Haley, one brother and one sister.

Calling is Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

A funeral service and burial will take place in Mechanic Falls, Maine.

Andrew Hamann

GARRETT — Andrew "Andy" G. Hamann, 51, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at 4:35 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Hamann

Mr. Hamann worked as a general foreman at International Wire in Kendallville for 18 years, retiring in 1999. He had lived in Garrett for 28 years.

He was born May 25, 1952, in Detroit to Joseph L. and Margie (Goodson) Hamann. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Judy L. Hoffman on June 30, 1973, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Chris Hamann of Waterloo and Josh Hamann of Garrett; five grandchildren; a brother, Charlie Hamann of Albuquerque, N.M., and four sisters, Lillian Brewer of Hindman, Ky., Josephine Craig of Sebastian, Fla., Barbara Joan Miller of Kendallville and Delora Hamann of Kendallville.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Mr. Hamann's brother-in-law, Claude Brewer, will officiate. Cremation will take place in the Northern Indiana Crematory at Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thelma Rieke

AUBURN — Thelma Rieke, 93, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Rieke

Mrs. Rieke was a homemaker. She graduated from International Business College. She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, Tri Kappa sorority and P.E.O. Sisterhood and a lifetime member of Greenhurst Country Club.

She was born July 11, 1910, in West Point, Ind., to Lawrence and Ima (Hall) Layden.

She married Glenn T. Rieke on June 29, 1935, in Fort Wayne. He died Dec. 26, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Layden and Suzan Rieke of Auburn and Eric and Marilyn Rieke of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ed Layden of Columbia, S.C.; a sister, Mary Jansen of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Steve, Brian and Julie Rieke, Jenny Taylor, Laura Habig, Lisa Rose and Penny Rieke Arentson; two stepgrandchildren, Jennifer Robinson and Kristin Peña; 11 great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Bernard, Carl and Albert Layden.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Auburn Presbyterian Church or the Rieke Park fund, P.O. Box 506, Auburn IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Lori Kienzler

AUBURN — Lori R. Kienzler, 43, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003.

She was a quality control worker for Citation Corp. in Albion and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Lori Kienzler

She was born Dec. 19, 1959, in Albion to Rudolph and Adele (Lynch) Kienzler. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a companion, Gary Casselman; a daughter and son-in-law, April and David Yarian of Adams Lake; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Steve and Rose Kienzler of LaOtto, Brian and Terry Kienzler of Churubusco, Dave and Sharon Kienzler of Columbia City, Tim Kienzler of Albion and Nathan and Jackie Kienzler of Columbia City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Luan and Joel Peckham of Atwood and Becky and Bill Jacks of Churubusco; and two grandchildren, Kortney and Gracey Yarian.

Services will be Thursday at 5 p.m. in Immanuel Lutheran Church of Avilla. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate.

Calling is Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family for the grandchildren.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Ilene Sliger

AUBURN — Ilene R. Sliger, 69, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at 6 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Sliger served as a legal secretary for Kruse and Kruse in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Sliger

She was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, a 40-year member of the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club and a 40-year member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. She had lived in Auburn for 40 years.

She was the secretary-treasurer for Company E-38th Infantry Regiment and was the coordinator for her husband's annual reunion of soldiers who served in the Korean conflict.

She was born Oct. 21, 1933, in Garrett to Randall R. and Mable (Kruse) Balliet. They preceded her in death.

On Oct. 21, 1959, in Garrett, she married Karl B. Sliger. He survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Laurence and Pauline Balliet of Corunna; a sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Galen Weber of Edgerton, Ohio; several nieces, nephews and cousins and many loving and caring friends.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King Street, Garrett. The Rev. John Boyanowski will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Clarence Chapman

BUTLER — Clarence Ray Chapman, 83, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2003, in Old Town, Fla.

Mr. Chapman owned and operated Chapman Salvage and Auto Parts for 35 years, retiring in 1986.

Mr. Chapman

He was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to Earl Ray Chapman and Schudia (Miller) Chapman.

Surviving are a companion, Carolyn Ice of Old Town, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Pam Chapman of Waterloo and Larry and Julie Chapman of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Roy Wade of Butler and Margaret and Jack Pomert of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Janice Kimpel; and a sister, Hazel Chapman.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Rosella Dalman

FORT WAYNE — Rosella G. Dalman, 71, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

She was born June 23, 1932, in Fort Wayne and worked at MCL Cafeteria as a cashier.

Surviving are four sons, Cleatus Roller of Auburn, Dennis Roller of Harlan, Robert Roller of Huntington and Chris Dalman of Huntertown; four daughters, Phyllis Brown of Fort Wayne, Kimberly Woods of Woodburn, Rebecca Dalman of Harlan and Erica Stephan of Huntertown; one brother, Richard Elett of Angola; two sisters, Phyllis Patterson of Arizona and Ruth McClean of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Dalman, in 1994, and her parents, Elmer C. and Agnes (Davenport) Elett.

Private graveside services will be conducted in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Matthew 25.

Thursday, October 16, 2003

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with changes in calling hours and spelling of relatives' names.*

Clarence Chapman

BUTLER — Clarence Ray Chapman, 83, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, in Old Town, Fla.

Mr. Chapman owned and operated Chapman Salvage and Auto Parts for 35 years, retiring in 1986.

Mr. Chapman

He was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to Earl Ray Chapman and Scludie (Miller) Chapman.

Surviving are a companion, Carolyn Ice of Old Town, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Pam Chapman of Waterloo and Larry and Julie Chapman of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Roy Wade of Butler and Margaret and Jack Pommert of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Janice Kimpel; and a sister, Hazel Chapman.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2:30-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Annie Wright

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Annie Viola Wright, 95, died Thursday morning, Oct. 16, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Wright was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 17, 1908, in Pontotoc, Miss. to Pete and Ann (Goggans) Baldwin.

Her husband, Jack Wright, preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are three sons, Victor Duke of Spencerville, Gene Duke of Olive Branch, Miss., and James Edge of Marion, Ohio; a brother, Theron Baldwin of Booneville, Miss.; 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Witte, in 1998; a son, Tom Duke, on June 2, 2003; one sister and two brothers.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Pastor Jack Teeple will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling is Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ervin Aeschliman

BLUFFTON — Ervin L. Aeschliman, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003, at 10:25 p.m. at Christian Care Retirement Center.

He was retired from the Bluffton Fire Department and had worked more than 20 years at Blue Flame and for Gerber Central Dairy. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, American Legion Post 111 and was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was born May 28, 1917, in Wells County to Samuel and Minnie (Gilliam) Aeschliman.

On Nov. 9, 1940, in Bluffton, he married Stella Maddux. She died June 19, 1996.

Surviving are three sons, David and Samuel Aeschliman, both of Bluffton, and Ervin L. Aeschliman Jr. of Auburn; two daughters, Cammie Bailey and Ella Sonnenberg, both of Ossian; two brothers, Bill Aeschliman of Craigville and Walter Aeschliman of Bluffton; a sister, Violet Ringger of Bluffton; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Apostolic Christian Church. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery East. American Legion Post 111 will be in charge of the committal service at the cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from noon-8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, and Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Christian Care Retirement Center.

Mickey Nelson

NAPLES, Fla. — Former Angola resident Mickey L. Nelson, 76, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at Naples Community Hospital in Naples.

Mrs. Nelson was the co-owner of Nelson Signs for 40 years. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church, Angola Women of the Moose and American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 21, 1927, in Auburn to Clayton and E. Fren (Stamp) Webb.

She married Burdett Nelson on April 23, 1946. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Bruce E. Nelson of Fremont and Mark A. Nelson of Naples; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Marion Webb, and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Joyce Hoyer

AUBURN — Joyce A. Hoyer, 53, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a direct care aide at Oak Meadows Learning Center in Auburn for 26 years. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and was an avid gardener.

She was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Auburn to Maynard J. "Shorty" and Dorcas L. (Maryfield) Scheurich. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa A. Scheurich of Auburn; a son, Greg S. Hoyer of Butler; four brothers and one sister-in-law, Leonard L. Scheurich of Indianapolis, Larry A. Scheurich of Garrett, Ronald J. and Dawn Scheurich of St. Joe and Kim A. Scheurich of Auburn; and two sisters, Carolyn S. Tinkham and Diane S. Scheurich, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Olen Ladd

HAMILTON — Olen E. Ladd, 90, died Sept. 13, 2003, in Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Ladd was retired from Modernaire Corp. in Angola and was a retired farmer.

He was born Oct. 28, 1912, in Putnam County, Ohio, to John C. and Julia A. (Medley) Ladd as the youngest of 13 children.

Surviving are two stepsons, Rick Berry of Spring Hill, Fla., and Ronald Berry of Springfield; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Myrtle in 1961, Vesta, and Irene in 2003.

Memorial services will take place Monday at 2 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Metz.

Memorials are to Jerusalem Church, 0369 C.R. 61, Hamilton.

Johnson-Klink Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Keith Grant

ANGOLA — Keith L. Grant, 54, died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003, in Angola.

Mr. Grant formerly worked at Hudson Industries.

He was born May 11, 1949, in Angola to Kenneth and Valeire (Fiser) Grant.

He is survived by his mother, Valeire Cary of Angola; a brother, Gary Grant of Fremont; and a sister, Sharon Moore of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father.

No services or calling are planned. Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Merlin Wappes

AUBURN — Merlin L. Wappes, 72, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Opal Williamson

KENDALLVILLE — Opal L. Williamson, 90, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at Hickory Creek, Kendallville.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, 1109 Hartzell Road, New Haven.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

Judith Mann

AUBURN — Judith Mann, 59, of Auburn, died at noon, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, in Betz Hursing Home, Auburn.

On June 9, 1944, she was bron in LaGrange to William E. and Florance R. (Rogers) Hart. She married Willis "Willie" D. Mann on Oct. 6, 1962, in LaGrange. He survives.

She resided in Auburn for two years, was a homemaker and a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sisters, Rose Caldwell and Linda Baker, both of Garrett; a son, Steve Mann, Garrett, a brother, Bill Mann, Garrett, a grandson, Brett Mann, Garrett; and a granddaughter, Maria Mann, Garrett.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday in Buels Cemetery, Topeka, with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating.

There is no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Jacob Schrock

TOPEKA — Jacob A. Schrock, 88, of rural Topeka, died at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at his residence.

On Jan. 5, 1915, he was born to Abe D. and Rebecca (Yoder) Schrock in Arthur, Ill. He married Amanda Beechy on Oct. 15, 1940, in Topeka. She survives.

Mr. Schrock had lived in the Topeka area since 1939.

He had been a farmer and proprietor of an upholstery shop. He had been a minister in the Old Order Amish Church since 1949.

Mr. Schrock was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and enjoyed reading, writing poetry and reminiscence.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Joni and Sara Schrock, Madison, Ind.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susie Ellen and Sam Schrock, Tuscola, Ill., Emme Mae and Norman Plank, Arcola, Ill., and LeAnna and Samuel Herschberger, Topeka; a sister, Susanna Schrock, Arthur, Ill.; 28 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

His parents, six brothers, six sisters and a great-granddaughter preceded him in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Dan Yoder residence, 6670 S. C.R. 500W, Topeka, with Bishop John Eash and Home Ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery.

Calling will be held at 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence at 6515 S. C.R. 500W, Topeka.

Pallbearers will be Tobe Hochstetler, Dave Beechy, Dave Kauffman and Lloyd Bontrager.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Merlin Wappes

AUBURN — Merlin L. "Wapp" Wappes, 72, of rural DeKalb County, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

On Sept. 3, 1931, in Swan Township, Noble County, he was born to William and Mildred (Renkenberger) Wappes. He married Mary Hilkey in 1952. She preceded him in death in 1994.

He was a longtime Steuben County hog farmer, worked for the LaOtto elevator for 12 years and Dana Corp. for 27 years before retiring in 1996.

Mr. Wappes was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran, a lifetime member of Garrett American Legion Post 178, a lifetime member of the Garrett V.F.W., a member of the Garrett 40 + 8, and a member of U.A.W. Local 164.

Surviving are two sisters, Shirley Griffin, Garrett, and Dorothy Loft, Tipton, Ind.; mother-in-law Dorothy Hilkey, Auburn; three brothers, Max Wappes, Auburn, and George and Jack Wappes, both of Garrett; and many nieces and nephews.

His parents, a brother, Bill Wappes, and a sister, Ora McFarg, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County 4-H hog barn.

David Caldwell

WOLCOTTVILLE — David L. Caldwell, 66, of rural Wolcottville, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at his residence.

On July 30, 1937, in LaGrange County, he was born to Stewart F. and Rosa (Draper) Caldwell. He married Katie N. Yoder on Aug. 11, 1956, in Valentine, Ind. She survives.

Mr. Caldwell

He lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was an auctioneer and farmer. He retired from J.I. Case as district manager after 28 years of service.

Mr. Caldwell was a member of the Indiana and National Auctioneer associations, the LaGrange County Parks Board, the Indiana & National Realtors associations and the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dalonda and Gerald Young, Wolcottville, Laura and Kevin Graber, Middlebury, and Stephanie A. Young, Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, David A. and Sherry Caldwell, Wolcottville; seven sisters, Helen Thomas, Charry Levitz and Carol Will, all of Wolcottville, Jeanie Crawford, Sturgis, Mich., Goldie Ley, Kendallville, Rosie Walchle, Howe, and Janie Arbogast, Albion; three brothers, Paul Caldwell, Rome City, Squirtie Caldwell, Wolcottville, and Dick Caldwell, Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A sister, Kathy Gose, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Parks Department.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Juanita Collins

BUTLER — Juanita Collins, 85, of Butler, died at 9:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

In Tom's Creek, Va., on July 11, 1918, she was born to Tom and Maggie (Johnson) Farmer. She married Claude Collins on March 13, 1937. He preceded her in death in September 1987.

She was a homemaker and a former director at the Catholic Center of Concern in Hamilton, Ala.

Surviving are two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a son, Jack Collins, three brothers, four sisters and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, Ohio. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Dupont, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday and 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday (Ohio times) at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family.

Phyllis Hoffelder

ASHLEY — Phyllis Marie Hoffelder, 79, of rural Ashley, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at her residence.

On April 10, 1924, in Pleasant Lake, she was born to Otis and Marie (Miller) Kempf. She married Carl Hoffelder in Auburn on May 18, 1946. He survives.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, and graduated from Ashley High School in 1942 and Tri-State University in 1944. She was a homemaker and a farm wife.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are four sons, Thomas Hoffelder, Tolland, Conn., John Hoffelder, Corunna, Daniel Hoffelder, Waterloo, and Michael Hoffelder, New Alexandria, Penn.; two daughters, Margaret English, Fort Wayne, and Patricia Fallis, Greencastle; two sisters, Virginia Garberick, Battle Creek, Mich., and Dortha Reinhart, Butler; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, a brother, Rex Kempf, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Fr. David Carkenard officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice or the church.

Robert Parker

GARRETT — Robert "Bob" W. Parker, 77, of Garrett, died at 11:40 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Garrett.

Mr. Parker

On Oct. 10, 1926, in Auburn, he was born to Marvin and Opal (Brown) Parker. He married Edna L. Kleemann on Sept. 22, 1946, in Garrett. She survives.

He was a lifetime resident of Garrett.

Mr. Parker was a conductor on the CSX railroad for 46 years before retiring in 1988. He also owned Parker's Antiques & Collectibles.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, the Garrett Historical Society, the Garrett American Legion and the Key, Lock and Lantern. He was nationally known for his vast collection of railroad memorabilia.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie "Miss Julie" and Larry Faulkner, Garrett, and Karen Landers, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a son, Gary Parker, Syracuse; four sisters, Minola Williams, Willard, Ohio, Leona Greer, Waterloo, Carolyn Churchward, Churubusco, and MaryLou Gilmore, Jackson, Mich.; two grandsons, Paul Robert Faulkner, Garrett, and Michael Landers, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; and two granddaughters, Natasha and Alexis Landers, both of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

In addition to his parents, a sister, Miriam McNamara, and a brother, Wilbur Parker, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the church or Zion Preschool.

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Mr. Parker

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and member of Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, the Garrett Historical Society, the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Key, Lock and Lantern. He was nationally known for his vast collection of railroad memorabilia.

He was born Oct. 10, 1926, in Auburn to Marvin and Opal (Brown) Parker.

He married Edna L. Kleemann on Sept. 22, 1946, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie "Mrs. Julie" and Larry Faulkner of Garrett, and Karen Blackwell of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a son, Gary Parker of Syracuse; four sisters, Minola Williams of Willard, Ohio, Leona Greer of Waterloo, Carolyn Churchward of Churubusco, and MaryLou Gilmore of Jackson, Mich.; two grandsons, Paul Robert Faulkner of Garrett and Michael Landers of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; and two granddaughters, Natasha and Alexis Landers, both of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Mirrim McNamara, and a brother, Wilbur Parker.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or Zion Preschool.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Judith Mann

AUBURN — Judith Mann, 59, of Auburn, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at noon in Betz Hursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Mann had resided in Auburn for two years, was a homemaker and a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett.

She was born June 9, 1944, in LaGrange to William E. and Florance R. (Rogers) Hart. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Willis "Willie" D. Mann on Oct. 6, 1962, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steve Mann of Garrett; two sisters, Rose Caldwell and Linda Baker, both of Garrett; a brother, Bill Hart of Garrett, a grandson, Brett Mann of Garrett; and a granddaughter, Maria Mann of Garrett.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today in Buela Cemetery, Topeka, with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating.

There will be no calling. Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors and add information. We apologize for those errors that were made by our staff.*

Merlin Wappes

AUBURN — Merlin L. "Wapp" Wappes, 72, of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Wappes worked for the LaOtto elevator 12 years and for Dana Corp. 27 years before retiring in 1996. He was a retired longtime Steuben County hog farmer.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict, a lifetime member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, a lifetime member of the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of the Garrett 40+8, and a member of UAW Local 164.

He was born Sept. 3, 1931, in Swan Township, Noble County, to William and Mildred (Renkenberger) Wappes.

He married Mary Hilkey in 1952. She preceded him in death in 1994.

Surviving are a companion, Donna Thiele of Kendallville; his mother-in-law Dorothy Hilkey of Auburn; three brothers, Max Wappes of Auburn, and George and Jack Wappes, both of Garrett; two sisters, Shirley Griffin of Garrett and Dorothy Loft of Tipton; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Bill Wappes, and a sister, Ora McFarland.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett. The Garrett post of the American Legion will conduct graveside services.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County 4-H new hog barn building fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Juanita Collins

BUTLER — Juanita Collins, 85, of Butler, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at 9:20 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker and a former director of the Catholic Center of Concern in Hamilton, Ala.

She was born July 11, 1918, in Tom's Creek, Va., to Tom and Maggie (Johnson) Farmer. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Claude Collins on March 13, 1937. He died in September 1987.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Jack Collins, three brothers and four sisters.

Surviving are two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Heitmeyer Funeral Home, 610 Walnut St., Oakwood, Ohio. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery of Dupont, Ohio.

Calling is today from 1-5 p.m. and Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Phyllis Hoffelder

ASHLEY — Phyllis Marie Hoffelder, 79, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at her home in rural Ashley.

Mrs. Hoffelder was a homemaker and a farm wife. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. She graduated from Ashley High School in 1942 and Tri-State College in Angola in 1944.

She was born April 10, 1924, in Pleasant Lake, to Otis and Marie (Miller) Kempf.

She married Carl Hoffelder on May 18, 1946, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Thomas Hoffelder of Tolland, Conn., John Hoffelder of Corunna, Daniel Hoffelder of Waterloo, and Michael Hoffelder of New Alexandria, Pa.; two daughters, Margaret English of Fort Wayne, and Patricia Fallis of Greencastle; two sisters, Virginia Garberick of Battle Creek, Mich., and Dortha Reinhart of Butler; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Rex Kempf.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenard officiating. Burial will be in St Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice or the church.

Phillip Lutz

HUDSON — Phillip M. Lutz, 70, of Hudson, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service for 20 years.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and member of American Legion Post 409, Leo, and St. Jude's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a sister, Doris Wisniewski of Fort Wayne; nephews, John Lutz, Donald Lutz and Rick Wisniewski, all of Fort Wayne, Dan Wisniewski of Ashley, John Rodgers of Orland; and nieces Carolyn Lutz of Fort Wayne and Jean Sain of Angola.

Three brothers, Paul, John and Robert Lutz, and a sister, Mary Ann Rogers, preceded him in death.

A funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 2100 Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne, with callining one hour prior to the Mass. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Masses and gifts to the church.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Alfred Bushey

ANGOLA — Alfred Bushey, 77, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Bushey was born Feb. 2 in Hulbert, Mich., to Joseph and Albina (LaCrosse) Bushey. He owned and operated Bushey Construction and retired in 1986 as president of Bushey's Inc.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Warkentein Bushey of Angola; five daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Steve Taylor, Janet and Peter Hunter, Terry and David Manck, Linda and Ron Salerno and Laurie and Scott Berry; four sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Margaret Bushey, Marc and Lisa Bushey, Michael and Judy Weaver and James and Karen Bushey; a brother, Ed Bushey of Alma, Mich.; 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Archie.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Northeast Indiana Kidney Center.

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Alice Bice

BREMEN — Alice R. Bice, 88, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at 12:25 a.m. at Bremen Health Care.

Mrs. Bice retired as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. in Auburn after 17 years of service. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Perris, Calif.

A former resident of Auburn, she retired to Hemet, Calif. She had lived in Bremen for the past 2 1/2 years.

She was born Feb. 16, 1915, in Mark Center, Ohio, to Volney and Carrie (Singleton) Cross.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley W. Bice; her parents; a son, Howard W. Bice; a grandson, Marc Bice; and two brothers.

Surviving are three grandchildren and their spouses, David and Dawn Bice of Bremen, Nancy and Mark Bope and Michael and Tonya Bice, all of Moyock, N.C.; four great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild; and two sisters, Bernice Davis-Crabtree of Waterloo and Helen Miller of Butler.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Mishler Funeral Home of Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials are to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bremen or a charity of the donor's choice.

Hazel Malcolm

GARRETT — Hazel E. Malcolm, 99, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at 6:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Lottie Kimes

FORT WAYNE — Lottie M. Kimes, 93, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Born Sept. 7, 1910, in DeKalb County, she was once the head housekeeper at the Holiday Inn of Angola.

Survivors include a stepson, Jerry Lee Kimes of Michigan, and three grandchildren, Jackie Fritz of Fort Wayne, David Bayles of Pierceton and Tammy Ward of Woodburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Kimes, in 1998. Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Sharon Knepp, in 1987, and a stepson, Michael Kimes.

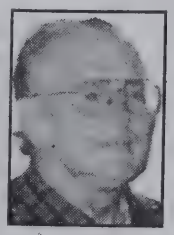
Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

John Parsell

WATERLOO — John Richard Parsell, 65, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Parsell

Mr. Parsell was an independent truck driver, retiring in 2000. He attended Waterloo Nazarene Church.

He was born June 15, 1938, in Hudson to Glenn C. and Princess M. (Kline) Parsell. His mother preceded him in death. His father and stepmother, Mildred, survive in Ashley.

On Oct. 27, 1956, he married Margaret Baird in Coldwater, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Matthew Parsell of Indianapolis and Brian Parsell of Ashley; a daughter, Diana Willibey of Angola; a brother, Bob Parsell of Martinsville; four sisters, Glenda McClellan of Ashley, Marilyn McClellan of Hudson, Kathy Cretsinger of Golden Lake and Karen Mills of Pleasant Lake; and seven grandchildren, Andrew, Matthew and David Parsell, Abigail Devers, Tim Sisco and Kirsten and Tana Willibey.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Parsell.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. William Smith will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Leon Strange

BUTLER — Leon Strange, 76, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at his home in Butler.

Mr. Strange

Born in New Castle, he was a teacher for 36 years. He was a basketball and track coach, athletic director and teacher at Eastside High School in Butler for 23 years.

Mr. Strange was a member of the DeKalb County Council on Aging and served as its second vice president. He was director of activities at the Heimach Senior Center and was a member of Community Bible Church.

He attended Canterbury College in Danville, Ill., and received his master's degree from Ball State University.

He is survived by his wife, Lois J. Strange of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Ed Carboni of California and Sally and DeWayne Currier of Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Donna Strange of Kansas; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue Nell and Kenneth Hacker of New Castle; two grandsons, David and Joshua Currier of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bobby Strange.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center, the Diabetes Association, the DeKalb County Cancer Society, Community Bible Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information and corrections.*

Albert Werner

AUBURN — Albert Howard Werner, 80, of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Known most of his life as Howard Werner, he was born in DeKalb County on Nov. 27, 1922, to Albert Charles Werner and Beulah Idella (Gall) Werner.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School and an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, during which time he earned an engineering degree from the University of Montana. He later joined American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He owned and operated the Marathon gas station on the south side of Auburn and a farm between Auburn and Waterloo.

He drove a school bus for many years, worked as a substitute mail carrier and his last job was in the bakery at Scott's Food Store in Auburn.

He married Martha Brown on Feb. 14, 1949, in Hicksville, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Howard Werner of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two daughters, Penny Ann Mettert and Wanda Ruth Myers, both of Auburn; two sisters, Evelyn Miller of Kendallville and Shirley Shipe of Auburn; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Brandy Mettert, Mac Mettert and his wife, Lauren, Tracey Abudaya and her husband, Feras, Trista Rowe, Tye Myers, Matthew Werner, Michele Werner and Markus Werner; two great-grandchildren, Cora Myers and Elijah Mettert; and three stepgreat-grandchildren, Allen, Nathan and Tyler Pinnington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Darwin Werner; a sister, Bernadine Zelmer; two grandchildren, Janet Gayle Mettert and Travis Allen Myers; and one great-grandson, Nicholas Ryan Rowe.

Services were held Oct. 14 with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Joyce Gore

FORT WAYNE — Joyce Harriet Rhoads Gore, 98, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 9, 1905, on a farm near Spencerville to Burnett Albert and Esta Arline (Boger) Rhoads.

She graduated from Auburn High School and Tri-State College in Angola.

She taught school, including several years in the one-room Aboite Center School near Fort Wayne.

She was a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party for 30 years and worked with the Fort Wayne Community Schools' PTA as president at Forest Park Elementary and North Side High School. She also served as treasurer of the Fort Wayne Community Schools' PTA Council.

Mrs. Gore was a 50-year member of the Star of the East Chapter of Order of Eastern Star and a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church. She spent her final years living with and teaching her children how to grow old with love, grace and dignity.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Donald Wolfe of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Bonean Gore of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Daisy and Richard Strong of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Sarah Bills of Columbia City, Molly Gore of Churubusco, and Paige Thurston and Joseph Strong, both of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to Forest Park United Methodist Church of Fort Wayne.

Hazel Malcolm

GARRETT — Hazel E. Malcolm, 99, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at 6:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Malcolm was a homemaker and had lived in Garrett for 83 years. She was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church and the Ladies Trainmen (UTU).

Born May 25, 1904 in Wingston, Ohio, she was the daughter of William D. and Bessie May (Edwards) Smith.

She married Winfield S. Malcolm Sr. on Oct. 13, 1921, in Auburn. He died Sept. 10, 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Scott Malcolm Jr. and Wayne Malcolm, both of Garrett; four daughters, Virginia Treml of Roseville, Calif., Leah Brilliandt of Leo, Sharon Mavity of Garrett and Nancy Delauder of Auburn; one sister, Leah Davison of Kilgore, Texas; 26 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Janet Bowman and Arlene Burtch; two brothers, Walter Smith and Orville Smith; and two sisters, Florence Reed and Blanche Henry.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Garrett Nazarene Church with Pastor David Farling officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett Nazarene Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Richard Mack

ST. JOE — Richard W. Mack, 53, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at 6:58 p.m. in St. Joe.

Mr. Mack worked for 20 years at Par-Tee and the Oasis Tavern. He was a member of the Butler Eagles and enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling and spending time with his family.

He was born Oct. 3, 1950, in Newville to Richard and Juanita (Thomas) Mack. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Melody Carper on July 26, 1969, in St. Joe. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Heidi Lenhart and her fiance, Chris Ruth, of Fort Wayne, Shelly Timmerman and her husband, Lyle, of Auburn, and Brandy Mansfield and her husband, Brian, of Butler; two brothers, Franklin Mack of Hamilton and Thomas Mack of St. Joe; and seven grandchildren, Tyler Miller, Nathan Mack, McCala Terrill, Celina and Drew Timmerman, Haley Mansfield and Christian Ruth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Michael and Ronnie; and a sister, Diane Kunce.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Ruth Rockwell

ANGOLA — Ruth E. Rockwell, 81, formerly of Jackson, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Rockwell worked for the Jackson Water Department as a billing clerk. She retired in 1987.

She was affiliated with the American Business Women's Association and was an active member in the Girl Scouts of America organization.

She was born Sept. 28, 1922, in Jackson to Cecil and Myrtle Hewlett. They preceded her in death.

She married Lyle B. Rockwell on Sept. 26, 1942, and they recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Her husband survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Carol Allen of Angola and Laurette Rockwell of Jackson; one son, Thomas Rockwell of Parma, Mich.; four grandchildren, Michelle Sonner of Angola, Dawn Burris of Waterloo, Michael Rockwell of Arizona and Jennifer Breining of Jackson; and one brother, Donald Rockwell of Hanover, Mich.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Jackman.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Charles Burden Funeral Home in Jackson.

Calling is Friday from 2-6 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northern Lakes Nursing Home.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Michael and Ronnie; and a sister, Diane Kunce.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. Paul Row officiated. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

John Snider

FORT WAYNE — John F. Snider, 73, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Snider was a master cosmetologist and real estate broker, co-founding the Plaza Beauty Salons in Fort Wayne and Kendallville.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, discharged in 1950, an avid fisherman and loved to read. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife, Judy of Fort Wayne; four sons, Wendell W. Snider III of Auburn, Michael A. Snider, Scott E. Snider of Ft. Myers, Fla., and David P. Snider of Fremont, Calif.; a daughter, Laura E. Hill of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kaye Lynne Carpenter of Milwaukee, Wis., and five grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St., with calling one hour prior to the service.

Additional calling is tonight from 6-9 at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials are to Trinity Episcopal Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Aaron J. Leeman

KENDALLVILLE — Aaron J. Leeman, 29, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, at 8 p.m. at his home.

He was a temporary employee for Pro Resources in Kendallville and had lived in Kendallville for five years. He was born Dec. 30, 1973, in Tipton.

Mr. Leeman

Survived are his mother and stepfather, Genney L. (McGinnis) Hunsberger and James Hunsberger of Kendallville; his grandmother, Lena Leeman of Atlanta, Ind.; two brothers, Robert E. Leeman III and Andrew Jones, both of Kendallville; and three sisters, Rebecca Leeman of Englewood, Ohio, Felicia Jackson of Fishers and Amy Rittenhouse of Corunna.

His father, Robert E. Leeman Jr., preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Chaplain James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Donna Parsons

ALBION — Donna Lee Parsons, 66, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, at home.

Mrs. Parsons was born Aug. 4, 1937, in Kosciusko County to Elmer Claude and Velma Louise (Pletcher) Wolfe. She was married to Robert Parsons on June 5, 1976, in Albion. He preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1999.

Mrs. Parsons

She was retired from Wolf Lake Products. She enjoyed reading, painting, watching old movies, music and bird watching.

Surviving are two daughters, Teresa Jarnagin of Auburn and Lorena Ambrose of Big Lake; two sons, Stanley Parrett of Garrett and Thomas Parrett of Albion; eight grandchildren, Christina K. Combs, Nicole Jarnagin, Angie Parrett, April Parrett, Daniel Parrett, Brian Lortie, Joshua Jarnagin and Brad Ambrose; four great-grandchildren, Tyler T. Combs, Isaac Combs, Ethan Belhumeur and Michael Lortie; and a sister, Sandra Clark of Albion.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Wolfe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to hearing research.

Megan Graves

AUBURN — Megan Ann Graves, 9, died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Auburn.

Miss Graves

Surviving are her parents, Ivan E. and Rebecca Graves of Auburn; four sisters, Cynthia D. Pierucki of Reading, Mich., Barbara S. Arrants of Fort Wayne, Sara R. Houtz of Montpelier, Ohio, and Tracy M. Graves of Auburn; and her paternal grandparents, Paul E. and Margarta Graves of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Sherman E. Treace Sr. and Shirley G. Treace.

Calling is Monday from 9-11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Privates graveside services will be conducted in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Ruby Patrick

BUTLER — Ruby D. Patrick, 47, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, in a traffic accident on U.S. 6 west of Butler.

She was an employee of Dekko Engineering and a member of the Butler Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 22, 1956, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., to Charles and Katheryn (Berry) Jackson.

On July 4, 1988, in Butler, she married George Patrick. He died Nov. 21, 2000.

Surviving are one son, Nick Patrick, of Montpelier, Ohio; two daughters, Traci Rhodes of Montpelier and Staci Gilvin of Auburn; one brother, Marvin Jackson of Spencerville; four sisters, Mary Ervin, Judi Patrick, Donna Harris and Kathy Abell, all of Butler; six grandchildren, 17 nieces, 11 nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were her parents and a brother, Charles Price.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donald Walz

ANGOLA — Donald J. Walz, 56, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003.

He was the owner of a wholesale tropical fish company.

He was born Jan. 1, 1947, in Hammond to John G. and Dulcie M. (Ashford) Walz. They preceded him in death.

He was married to Kristi (Clary) Walz, who survives in South Bend.

Also surviving are two sons, John D. and Richard S. Walz, both of South Bend; a sister, Jackie Bishop of Knoxville, Tenn.; a niece, Becky Henry of Lenoir City, Tenn.; one great niece, Alexis Lynn Henry of Lenoir City, Tenn.; and a great nephew, Logan Shane Henry of Lenoir City, Tenn.

There will be no service. Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Bonita Fairchild

FORT WAYNE — Bonita M. Fairchild, 78, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 26, 1925, in Huntington.

Surviving are a son, Henry Fairchild Jr.; three daughters, Bonita Kintz, Rita Roseberry and Sharon Herrick; a stepson, Robert Fairchild; 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Richard Fairchild.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church with Pastor Dale Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Monday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

David Anspaugh

ANGOLA — David F. Anspaugh, 89, formerly of Fremont, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center.

He was a machine shop foreman at Dana Weatherhead in Angola, retiring after 30 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, a former member of the Angola Moose Lodge, a member of the Angola post of the American Legion and Angola Masonic Lodge 236 and attended Sonlight Community Church.

He enjoyed Indiana basketball and was known for his sense of humor. His hobbies were fishing and stock car racing, especially watching Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt.

He was born May 17, 1914, to Charles and Irma (Frank) Anspaugh.

He married Goldie Goodwin on Oct. 13, 1940. She died March 8, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. David J. and Dr. Susan Anspaugh of Fremont; two grandchildren, Aimee McHann of Memphis, Tenn., and David James Anspaugh II of Memphis; a stepgrandson, Zebulon David Hunter; two great-grandsons, Connor McHann and David LaDart; a sister, Carol Baker of Arlington, Va.; a sister-in-law, Ruth Anspaugh of Angola; and 20 nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife and parents; three brothers, Mike, George and Louis Anspaugh; and two sisters, Donna Shupp and Clarice Wilcox.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor John Shapanus officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

Monday, October 27, 2003

Bonita Fairchild

FORT WAYNE — Bonita M. Fairchild, 78, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

A homemaker, she had worked as a nurses aide at Lutheran Hospital 5 years. She had been a poster person for Easter Seals and a participant at Turnstone Center.

She was born April 26, 1925, in Huntington.

Surviving are a son, Henry Fairchild Jr.; three daughters, Sharon Herrick of Garrett and Bonita Kintz and Rita Roseberry; a stepson, Robert Fairchild, and 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Richard Fairchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church with Pastor Dale Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 1- 3 and 5-7 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center and New Horizon Home Health Services.

Carl Lancaster

FORT WAYNE — Carl "Bill" Lancaster, 73, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at his home.

A native of Pinto, Md., he was a toolmaker and worked at Tokheim Corp. for 10 years and he retired in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Ursula "Rosie" of Fort Wayne; sons Rick Lancaster of Fort Wayne and Scott Lancaster of Auburn; a daughter, Tina Ripley of Spencerville, and 6 grandchildren.

Services will be private with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery. D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Mae McKibbin

WARSAW — Mae McKibbin, 92, died at 11:40 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

She had retired from Da-Lite Screen Co., Warsaw, in 1980. She was a life-long Christian who attended several area churches, most recently the Warsaw Weslyan Church.

She was born May 14, 1911, in Disco to Ezra and Maggie (Flickinger) Floor.

On Sept. 15, 1928, she married Paul R. McKibbin. He died Feb. 6, 1973.

Surviving are a son, James A. McKibbin of Montgomery, Ala.; two granddaughters, Carie Burrus of Auburn and Deborah Randolph of Goshen; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry McKibbin, and seven brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with burial at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Florence Kinsey

AUBURN — Florence Harley Kinsey, 95, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was a school teacher for 28 years, retiring in 1974. She taught at South Whitley, Avilla and Auburn schools after earning her teacher certificate from Manchester College in 1932. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Saint Francis College in 1959 and her master's degree in 1964, graduating magna cum laude.

Mrs. Kinsey

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn where she was assistant organist. Memberships included the Women's Society of the United Methodist Church, Wesleyan Circle, Retired Teacher's Association, Business and Professional Women, Daughters of the American Revolution, Culture Club and a former member of the DeKalb County Home Extension Chorus.

She was born Feb. 8, 1908, in South Whitley. She married Huburt R. Kinsey, who died in 1987.

Surviving are a son, Daniel C. Kinsey of Berne; two daughters, Sarah E. Moore of Dearborn, Mich., and Alice J. Richards of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her husband were brothers Robert, Arthur, Hubert and Donald Harley.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorials are to the organ fund at First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Daniel Ing

BUTLER — Daniel Lee Ing, 24, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, in an automobile accident near Butler.

His mother, Nancy Raneri, also died in the accident.

He was a former resident of Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he was born July 20, 1979, to David and Nancy (Sides) Ing.

Surviving are a brother, M. Leon Sides of Cape Girardeau; a sister, Sarah Trubey of Butler; his paternal grandfather, Norman Ing of Cape Girardeau; his maternal grandfather, Earl Sides of Jackson, Mo.; and his maternal great-grandmother, Alice Harris of Cape Girardeau.

He was preceded in death by his father, his maternal grandmother and stepgrandfather and paternal grandmother.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Lorberg Memorial Funeral Chapel, Cape Girardeau, with Joe Allen officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at the chapel.

Burial will be in Barks Chapel Cemetery at Crump., Mo.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of local arrangements.

Nancy Raneri

BUTLER — Nancy D. Raneri, 43, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, in an automobile accident near Butler. Her son, Daniel Ing, also was killed in the accident.

She was a waitress and a former resident of Cape Girardeau, Mo., where she was born Feb. 9, 1960, to Earl and Carol Harris Sides. Her father survives in Jackson, Mo.

Also surviving are a son, M. Leon Sides of Cape Girardeau; a daughter, Sarah Trubey of Butler; her maternal grandmother, Alice Harris of Cape Girardeau; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, her stepfather and a brother.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Lorberg Memorial Funeral Chapel, Cape Girardeau, with Joe Allen officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at the chapel.

Burial will be in Barks Chapel Cemetery of Crump., Mo.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of local arrangements.

Agnes Van Damme

AUBURN — Agnes R. (Van Beneden) Van Damme, 84, formerly of South Bend, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at 6:03 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn after an extended illness.

Mrs. Van Damme owned and operated The Brig Inn at 328 N. Olive St., South Bend, for more than 35 years. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was born Aug. 18, 1919, in Hillegem, Belgium, to Cyril and Marie Louise Van Beneden.

On June 12, 1941, she married George O. Van Damme in Hilligem. He died in January 1967.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lillian and David Beres of Atlanta and Josie and Jim Weber of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Lisa Van Damme of Granger; eight grandchildren, Kristen Beres and Delynn Witt of Atlanta, Derek Beres and his wife, Melinda, of Frankfurt, Germany, W. Erik Weber of Auburn, Brad Weber of Cleveland, and Kyle, Matthew and Cooper Van Damme of Granger; and three great-grandchildren, Reid and Baily Weber of Fort Wayne and Steven Leventhal of Atlanta; one sister, Elise of Hillegem, Belgium; one brother, Marcel of Hillegem; and a loving friend, Ben Sopczynski of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Wendy Joy Weber, in 1974, and three sisters and two brothers in Hillegem.

Private burial services will be Thursday in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park at Granger.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association area office, 10872 Queen Road, Plymouth IN 46563.

Clyde Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Clyde E. "Dick" Hart, 83, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Mr. Hart had been employed at Kendallville Foundry, retiring in 1985.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 86 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, both in Kendallville.

He was born Dec. 10, 1919, in Kendallville to Charles and Ruby (Martin) Hart.

Surviving are a daughter, Jacqueline Krock of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Carol Hart of LaGrange; three sisters, Madeline Zimmerman of Berne, Eleanor Schlichtenmeyer of Shelbyville and Barbara Rowe of Garrett; a brother, Roy Charles Hart of Vicksburg, Mich.; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael; a sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bonita Fairchild

FORT WAYNE — Bonita M. Fairchild, 78, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 26, 1925, in Huntington.

Surviving are a son, Harvey Fairchild Jr.; three daughters, Bonita Kintz, Rita Roseberry and Sharon Herrick; a stepson, Robert Fairchild; 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Richard Fairchild.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church with Pastor Dale Henderson officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

John Brincefield

AUBURN — John "Jack" D. Brincefield, 76, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, at 9:45 a.m. at his residence in rural Auburn.

Mr. Brincefield had been a salesman for O'Daniel Oldsmobile of Fort Wayne, retiring in 1992. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was born Feb. 14, 1927, in Elgin, Ohio, to Guy B. and Gladys R. (Sill) Brincefield.

He married Betty L. Sturm on Dec. 21, 1975. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Johnny Dee Brincefield of Anderson and Curtis Del Brincefield of LaOtto; a stepdaughter, Deborah Ashenfelter of Auburn; a sister, June Butler of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard Brincefield of Garrett and Donald Brincefield of Osceola; six grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jeanette (Deeter) Brincefield, in 1975, and a sister, LaDonna Porter.

There will be no services or calling. The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

ArDel Caldwell

WATERLOO — ArDel Oren Caldwell, 62, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

He was a television technician who owned a repair business in Waterloo. He had worked for many years for Van's TV and Appliances, Angola; Van's Home Center in Auburn; and Arkwright's Sleep Shop, Angola. He was a part-time bartender at the Shamrock in Waterloo.

Mr. Caldwell traveled the country as a professional bass player with The Gas Co. band. His hobbies were shooting pool and fishing.

He graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1958. Honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a member of the American Legion post in Butler.

He was born July 18, 1941, in Sioux Falls, S.D., to Oren and Ida (Ulmer) Caldwell.

He was married to Joyce Arne from 1964 to 1966 and to Dona Noirot from 1966 to 1991.

Surviving are three children and their spouses, Melissa and Delmar Nelson of Yankton, S.D., Matthew and Chanda Caldwell of Cambridge, Ohio, and Christina and Mark Powell of Auburn; a brother, Ed Caldwell of Sioux Falls; two sisters, Marjorie Bradley of Sioux Falls and JoAnna Jocelyn of Westlake Village, Calif.; and seven grandchildren, Ehrin, Katie, Jessica and Nathan Nelson, Olivia and Evan Caldwell and Drayke Powell.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a grandson, Daunte Powell.

Services will be conducted by the family at 5 p.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery in Marion at 1 p.m. Friday.

Calling is Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

Clyde Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Clyde E. "Dick" Hart, 83, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Mr. Hart had been employed at Kendallville Foundry, retiring in 1985.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 86 and V.F.W. Post 2749, both in Kendallville.

He was born Dec. 10, 1919, in Kendallville to Charles and Ruby (Martin) Hart.

Surviving are a daughter, Jacqueline Krock of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Carol Hart of LaGrange; four sisters, June Freed of Sandusky, Ohio, Madeline Zimmerman of Berne, Eleanor Schlichtenmeyer of Shelbyville and Barbara Rowe of Garrett; a brother, Charles Hart of Vicksburg, Mich.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael; a sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Alvin Bender

WAUSEON, Ohio — Alvin E. Bender, 85, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at his home.

Prior to his retirement, he served as a truck driver for Starcraft Corp. in Goshen. He had also worked for Hochstetler Grain in Topeka and for Art Call & Sons Racing.

He served on the Lyons Park Board and was a member of Crossroads Evangelical Church in Wauseon.

Mr. Bender was born Sept. 23, 1918, in Goshen to Daniel R. and Susie (Mast) Bender.

On March 15, 1980, he married Phyllis Emmons Sallows. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert Bender of Green Valley, Ariz., Lester and Judy Bender of Albion, Romayne and Clara Bender of Topeka, and Dean and Thet Bender of Goshen; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Steve Kienzler of LaOtto, Bonnie and Tim Harlan of Auburn and Gwen and Mike Stump of Elkhart; two stepsons and their wives, Doug and Kimberly Sallows of Oregon, Ohio, and Dan and Vicki Sallows of Lyons; a stepdaughter and her husband, Diane and Alan Clixby of Wauseon; a brother, Daniel Bender of Nappanee; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were at noon today at Crossroads Evangelical Church with Pastor Wes Hoffmire officiating.

Burial was in Lyons Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Keith Baker

WATERLOO — Keith H. Baker, 87, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Baker was retired from Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo and had been a truck driver for many years. He also was a journeyman for Kroger.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and a former member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Moose Lodge in Auburn,

He was born March 8, 1916, in Hamilton to Virgil and Artie (Beard) Baker.

He married Winifred Winteregg on March 9, 1959. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Margaret Baker of Fort Wayne, Georgia Holmes of Rome City, Sue Dziamara of Annandale, N.J., Mary Lou Chronister of Fort Wayne and Mary Fisher of Montpelier, Ohio; five sons, Bradley Baker of Katy, Texas, Robert Charleston of Fort Wayne, C.K. Charleston of Phoenix, Ariz., Elmer Baker of Garrett and Jerald Baker of Butler; three sisters, Mary Ellen Bratmiller of New Haven, Betty Akers of Hamilton and Sue Maxson of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Van Baker of Albion, Dean Baker of Hamilton and Larry Baker of Hamilton; 37 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Jon Charleston and Sherman Baker; a daughter, Katherine Martin; a brother, Max Baker; and three sisters, Mildred Bressler, Ruth Sutton and June Robinett.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo, conducted by Father David Carkenord. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Irvin Ladd

TYNDALL, N.D. — Irvin H. Ladd, 98, formerly of Hudson, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at St. Michael Hospital in Tyndall.

Service arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson.

Irvin Ladd

AVON, S.D. — Irvin H. Ladd, 98, formerly of Hudson, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at St. Michael Hospital in Tyndall, S.D.

Mr. Ladd was born Oct. 4, 1905, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Charley O. and Martha A. (Medley) Ladd.

He married Velma Taylor on Dec. 25, 1928, in Angola. She died July 24, 1996.

The Ladds farmed together in Ohio and then moved to Hammond, where Mr. Ladd was a truck driver for 33 years. They retired to rural Hudson and moved to Avon in 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ludwig Bertsch of Avon; a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Ruth Ladd of Glendora, Calif.; five grandchildren, Raymond Ladd, David Ladd, Cheryl Ladd, Lewis Bertsch and Lisa Rokusek; two great-grandsons, Jeremy Ladd and Dalton Bertsch; three great-granddaughters, Jennifer Ladd and Mikaila and Breannah Bertsch; and a great-great-granddaughter, Destiny Ladd.

Mr. Ladd was preceded in death by a brother, Charley F. Ladd, twin sons Larry and Leroy and five sisters, Clara Rowe, Mary Kuhn, Nellie Bailey, Lenna "Martha" Baker and Fannie Gribbler.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling is Sunday from 3-6 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Martin Heller

AVILLA — Martin A. Heller, 88, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mr. Heller retired in 1987 from Burtzner and Wilhelm Sand and Gravel. He also volunteered many hours at Immanuel Lutheran Day Care and was cemetery sexton for many years for Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

He had lived in Avilla 58 years, coming there from California. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and enjoyed gardening, woodworking and visiting with friends at the Country Kitchen in Avilla.

Mr. Heller was born Nov. 5, 1914, in Oxford, Neb., the son of Otto and Charlette (Ziebelle) Heller.

On Dec. 18, 1934, in Beaver City, Neb., he married Marie Askey. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Billie and Richard Gienger of Avilla, Linda and Larry Thiele of New Haven and Annette Anglin of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Jean Heller of LaGrange and Lloyd Heller of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Leola Ruth Purk and Ella Maaske; and four brothers, Walter, Lawerence, Lewis and Ludean.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Day Care.

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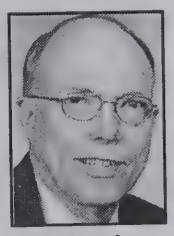
Ronald Murphy

GARRETT — E. Ronald "Ron" Murphy, 68, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, at 9:15 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Murphy was the owner of Garrett Bowl and a past director of Wee Haven Workshop, currently Alliance Industries, in Garrett. He was a Garrett resident for 20 years.



Mr. Murphy

He was a teacher for 12 years and a principal at Wolf Lake for three years. He is a former Boy Scout executive for Huntington and Whitley counties.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Wee Haven and the Auburn Bowling Association.

He was born May 18, 1935, in Decatur to Harold U. and Virginia R. (Miller) Murphy. His mother survives in Garrett.

On Sept. 4, 1958, in Muncie he married Vondalea R. Michael. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Jolene Murphy of Garrett; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rondalea and Michael Rich of Olatha, Kan., DeAnna and Eric Demaree of Albion, and Erin and John Dickson of Garrett; 13 grandchildren and a brother, Terry Murphy of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Tim Murphy.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Bill Dunfee officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alliance Industries (Wee Haven) or Mylodisplastic Syndrome Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Howard McMaken

BUTLER — Howard J. McMaken, 69, of Butler, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2003, at 2:15 am. in his home after many months of illness.

Mr. McMaken

Mr. McMaken retired in April 2003 from Evans Equipment of Butler after 10 years of service. He also was employed as a truck driver for Universal Tool and Stamping for 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Army, stationed at Camp Hanford, Wash., in the Battery B 519th AAA Division.

He was a member of American Legion Post 202, Fraternal Order of Eagles 2733, Knights of Pythias and the St. Joe Church of Christ.

He was born May 17, 1934, in Allen County to Howard L. and Georgia A. (Porter) McMaken.

He married Carol L. (Baker) McMaken on Feb. 28, 1970, in St. Joe. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Tom Tharp of Mentone, Calif., Vicki and Rex Bergdall of Auburn, Cheryl and Jim Gilbert of Corunna, Teresa McMaken and Dan Tackles of St. Joe, Lori and Craig Johnson of Butler and Sandy and Paul Price of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Karen McMaken of Garrett; one sister and brother-in-law, Anita and Charles Carnahan of St. Joe; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Albert McMaken and Sharon Galliers of Columbia City and Jerry and Jean McMaken of Garrett; 29 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ. The Rev. Larry Watson will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe with mil itary honor by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Sunday fr 2-4 and 6-8 pm. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Hor 212 N. Broadway, Butler. A Knights of Pythias service w begin at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Southern Care Hospice or a cancer charity of the donor' choice.

Jimmy James

HAMILTON — Jimmy L. James Sr., 61, of Hamilton died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at his Hamilton home.

Mr. James was a former Hamilton Town Marshal and an Air Force veteran. He was a member of the American Legion, Hamilton Fish and Game and the Wabash Eagles.

He was born in Lamar, Colo., on Nov. 27, 1942, the son of Ralph James and Lillie V. (Aumiller) James.

He married Joanna M. James on May 23, 1983, in Fremont, and she survives.

Mr. James is also survived by two sons, Eric F. and Jimmy L. James, both of Hamilton; two daughters and one son-in-law, Joetta and Denzlo Hagerty of Hamilton and Jeny James of Hamilton; two brothers; one sister; family friend Paul Gage; two grandchildren, James Haggerty and Matthew Palmerton; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister and two grandsons, Kurtis and Kyle Kunkle.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with calling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Harold Conrad

ALBION — Harold L. Conrad, 87, of Albion, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Conrad was born on Sept. 25, 1916. He married Mary Conrad.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Martin Heller

AVILLA — Martin A. Heller, 88, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mr. Heller retired in 1987 from Burtzner and Wilhelm Sand and Gravel. He also volunteered many hours at the Immanuel Lutheran Day Care and was a cemetery sexton for many years for Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

He had lived in Avilla 58 years, coming there from California. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and enjoyed gardening, woodworking and visiting with friends at the Country Kitchen in Avilla.

Mr. Heller was born Nov. 5, 1914, in Oxford, Neb., the son of Otto and Charlette (Ziebelle) Heller. On Dec. 18, 1934, in Beaver City, Neb., he married Marie Askey. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Billie and Richard Gienger of Avilla, Linda and Larry Thiele of New Haven and Annette Anglin of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Jean Heller of LaGrange and Lloyd Heller of Fort Wayne; one brother, Robert Heller of Pleasant Lake; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Leola Ruth Purk and Ella Maaske; and four brothers, Walter, Lawerence, Lewis and Ludean.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Day Care.

Monday, November 3, 2003

Victor Perkins

GARRETT — Victor Allen Perkins, 51, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2003.

Mr. Perkins worked as an assembler for Magnavox Corp. for seven years. He was was a licensed pilot. He attended North Side High School.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he served from 1969-1975. He was a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178, Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Eagles of Garrett and the Garrett Elks lodge.

Mr. Perkins

Born March 15, 1952 in Fort Wayne, he was the son of Paul and Mary Perkins. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Vic Paul Perkins of Auburn, and a daughter, Kelly Jo Perkins of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Danny Perkins and Billy R. Perkins.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Huntertown, with military graveside honors.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jeffrey Collier

SPENCERVILLE — Jeffrey M. Collier, 42, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at his home in Spencerville.

Mr. Collier was a mechanical engineer with ITT for 10 years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a fan of Cubs baseball.

He graduated from Purdue University in 1984. He was a member of St. Vincent's Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela, of Spencerville; one son, Jordan of Spencerville; a daughter, Kara of Spencerville; his mother, Mary Collier of Fort Wayne; a brother, Mark Collier of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Diane Savage and Mary Beth Lomont, both of Fort Wayne; and his mother-in-law and caregiver, Collette Lesak of Spencerville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl S. Collier.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Vincent's Catholic Church, with burial at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Heartland Hospice, MDA for ALS of Allen County, or scholarships for Jordan and Kara Collier.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new information about survivors.*

Howard McMaken

BUTLER — Howard J. McMaken, 69, of Butler, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2003, at 2:15 a.m. in his home after many months of illness.

Mr. McMaken retired in April 2003 from Evans Equipment of Butler after 10 years of service. He also was employed as a truck driver for Universal Tool and Stamping for 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Army, stationed at Camp Hanford, Wash., in the Battery B 519th AAA Division.

He was a member of American Legion Post 202, Fraternal Order of Eagles 2733, Knights of Pythias and the St. Joe Church of Christ.

He was born May 17, 1934, in Allen County to Howard L. and Georgia A. (Porter) McMaken.

He married Carol L. (Baker) McMaken on Feb. 28, 1970, in St. Joe. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Tom Tharp of Mentone, Calif., Vicki and Rex Bergdall of Butler, Cheryl and Jim Gilbert of Corunna, Teresa McMaken and Dan Tackles of St. Joe, Lori and Craig Johnson of Butler and Sandy and Paul Price of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Karen McMaken of Garrett; one sister and brother-in-law, Anita and Charles Carnahan of St. Joe; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Albert McMaken and Sharon Galliers of Columbia City and Jerry and Jean McMaken of Garrett; 29 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ. The Rev. Larry Watson officiated. Burial was be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe with military honors by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Southern Care Hospice or a cancer charity of the donor's choice.

Larry Lou Gerig

AUBURN — Larry Lou Gerig, 61, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Gerig was a member of the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn. He was a special man who will be remembered with fondness by many friends.

He was born Aug. 9, 1942, in Auburn to Forest Truman Gerig and Alice (Timmerman) Gerig. He was raised by his parents, his sister and brother-in-law, and family friends Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cochran.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Al Black of Waterloo; and an aunt, Velma Gerig of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Max Gerig.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the County Line Church of God with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

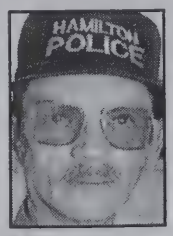
Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net .

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new information about surviving relatives.*

Jimmy James

HAMILTON — Jimmy L. James Sr., 60, of Hamilton died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at his Hamilton home.



Mr. James

Mr. James was a former Hamilton Town Marshal and an Air Force veteran. He was a member of the American Legion, Hamilton Fish and Game and the Wabash Eagles.

He was born in Lamar, Colo., on Nov. 27, 1942, the son of Ralph James and Lillie V. (Aumiller) James.

He married Joanna M. James on May 23, 1983, in Fremont, and she survives.

Mr. James is also survived by two sons, Eric F. and Jimmy L. James, both of Hamilton; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Joetta and Denzlo Hagerty and Jeni and Dave Palmerton, all of Hamilton; two brothers; one sister; family friend Paul Gage; two grandchildren, James Haggerty and Matthew Palmerton; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister and two grandsons, Kurtis and Kyle Kunkle.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with calling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

John McInturf

FORT WAYNE — John "Mac" McInturf, 61, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McInturf had retired this year from Eaton Corp., where he had worked as an assembler for 40 years. He also worked at Brentwood Marathon on State Street in Fort Wayne for 30 years.

Born in Auburn, he enjoyed bowling and baseball.

Surviving are his wife, Karen of Fort Wayne; two sons, Christopher of Fort Wayne and Michael of Fishers; three brothers, Harold of Sun City, Ariz., Kenneth of San Andreas, Calif., and David of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, Janet Kruse of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Joshua and Tara.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Breininger

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Robert Lee Breininger, 34, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at 3:56 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Breininger was employed at Steel Dynamics Inc. in Butler. He was a 1988 graduate of Fairview High School.

He was born Jan. 11, 1969, at Hicksville, Ohio, to Lee and Anna (Dickey) Breininger. They survive in Mark Center.

He married Judith Fouty on Nov. 22, 1998. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Corey and Garrett, and one daughter, Emily, all of Mark Center.

His grandparents preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Noah Delagrange will officiate.

Calling is Thursday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Breininger children.

Terry Adams

FORT WAYNE — Terry D. Adams, 40, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at Applewood Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Adams worked in the restaurant industry and loved dogs.

He was born in Chicago Heights, Ill., to Bobby and Judith Adams, who survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a brother, Mark Adams of Auburn, and two sisters, Kimberly Buchanan of Fort Wayne and Robin Morris of Wabash.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Humane Society.

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Raymond Wise

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville resident Raymond M. Wise, 93, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at KSB Hospital in Dixon, Ill.

Mr. Wise had moved to Mount Morris, Ill., six years ago to be near his daughter.

In 1943 be became associated with Seagly Brothers in the John Deere implement and propane gas business. In 1964, after the sale of the Angola and Kendallville gas businesses to Signal Oil and Gas Co., he moved to Kendallville as the regional manager of the company's gas plants in Indiana and southern Michigan. He retired from the gas business in September 1975.

Mr. Wise was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, where he served as a lay member to the annual conference as well as serving on various boards and commissions. He was an associate member of Christ United Methodist Church in Leesburg, Fla., as well as the Church of the Brethren in Mount Morris.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1910, in Troy Township of northeastern DeKalb County to Frank M. and Elsie (Jackson) Wise.

On Aug. 30, 1933, in Goshen, he married Ilene F. Moore. She died March 23.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, DeLano and Pat Wise of Auburn Hills, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Terry Kurtz of LaGrange and Mary Lou and Edward Garrison of Mount Morris; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Gerald Wise; and a grandson, Kevin Freiburger.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to Pincrest Good Samaritan Fund, 414 S. Wesley Ave., Mount Morris, IL 61054.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Belva Gradeless

AUBURN — Belva Ann Gradeless, 90, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Gradeless worked as an assembler for Electric Motors of Garrett for 24 years, retiring in 1972. She was involved with the Pythian Sisters and attended the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett. She loved her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Gradeless

She was born July 30, 1913, in Auburn to Luther and Nellie (Sines) Chorpenning.

Surviving are her husband, Earl G. Gradeless of Butler; five daughters, Nancy Moore of Newville, Sharron Plummer of Auburn, Martha Geyer of Spencerville, Dawn Bartels of Garrett and Sandy Guinn of Auburn; five sons, Chuck Carnahan of St. Joe, Joe Rugman of Auburn, Ralph Rugman of Waterloo, Bruce Rugman of Auburn and Steven Gradeless of Garrett; a sister, Ary Mae Groves of Michigan; 32 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sons, Bob Rugman, Ed Carnahan, Steve Rugman and Keith Rugman; one sister, Phillis Mountz; one brother, Oakley C. Chorpenning; two granddaughters and one grandson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friends Cancer Survivors Group of DeKalb, 320 W. Fourth St., Auburn IN 46706.

Mildred Huth

GOSHEN — Mildred I. Huth, 70, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003, at 10:50 p.m. at Americare of Goshen.

She had lived in Goshen since 1980, after moving from Warsaw.

She was born May 3, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Leonard C. and Irene (Wagerman) Huth. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters, Phyllis Swank of Hamilton, Mary Ann Fogle of Valdosta, Ga., and Dorthory Newman of Garrett; and two brothers, Leonard Huth of Fort Wayne and Elmer Huth of Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with calling after 9:30 a.m.

Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

The Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, is in charge of arrangements.

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Saturday, November 8, 2003

Melanie Ann Mancao

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Melanie Ann Mancao, 57, formerly of Butler, died Oct. 24 in Honolulu following heart surgery.

She had been a resident of Hawaii since 1976.

Born July 15, 1946, she was the daughter of Wilbur and Cleo Johnson of Butler. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives

Also surviving are two sons, Kevin Schall of Norfolk, Va., and Ricky Schall of Kapolei, Hawaii; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Sharron Johnson of Williamsburg, Va., and Stephen and RuthAnn Johnson of Edgerton, Ohio.

Private family services were held in Kapolei.

Judith Peel

HAMILTON — Judith A. Peel, 69, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Peel was employed at John Chorpenning Plumbing in Hamilton. She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, where she was the organist. She was a member of Psi Rho Sorority of Hamilton, the Angola Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge of Hamilton and the Steuben County Players and was a former board member of Turning Point in Angola.

She was born Oct. 1, 1934, in Auburn to Burgess "Bud" and Margaret (Huffman) Barnhart.

She married Donald Peel on Dec. 12, 1959, in the Hamilton Methodist Church and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Hardy of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and John Damron of Hamilton, Amy and Jeff Keegan of Lincolnton, N.C., and Janis and Jeff Alexander of Butler; three brothers, Larry Barnhart of Elizabethtown, N.C., Tom Barnhart of Indianapolis and Dan Barnhart of Auburn; a sister, Ann Heathman of Indianapolis; her stepfather, Arvin Blickenstaff of Butler; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Misty Hardy and Sheryl Damron, and her parents.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Church of Christ with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Gary Gerard

FORT WAYNE — Gary Vaughn Gerard, 50, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003,at Courtland Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Mishawaka, he was a 1971 graduate of Carroll High School. He attended Vincennes University and received his physician's assistant degree from Cuyahoga University in Cleveland.

He worked as a paramedic at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and as a physician's assistant at Euclide General Hospital in Cleveland.

He was a pilot and an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish and golf.

A loving father, son and brother, he was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Kevin Michael and Ryan Patrick Gerard of Strongsville, Ohio; his parents, Paul and Olive Gerard of Huntertown; and two brothers, Dan Gerard of Fort Wayne and Scott Gerard of Urbana, Ill.

Services will be Monday 10:30 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church, Turnstone or a charity of the donor's choice.

Willard Vorbau

KENDALLVILLE — Willard G. Vorbau, 92, of Kendallville, died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, in Parkview Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident at U.S. 6 East and Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville.

On Aug. 18, 1911, in Chicago, Ill., he was born to Charles R. and Ovia (Daly) Vorbau. On Aug. 23, 1933, he married Mary A. Stockwell in Villa Park, Ill. She preceded him in death on Feb. 27, 1983.

He had lived at the Shepherd of the Hill since Dec. 3, 1999, having moved from Rome City.

Mr. Vorbau was an insurance salesman in Chicago, and an apartment manager in Orlando, Fla. He was a Catholic, enjoyed sports and was an avid Cubs fan.

Surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, M. Lynn and William Reynolds, Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis E. and Madeline Vorbau, Annandale, Va.; five grandchildren, Bryan and Kimberly Reynolds, Christie Vorbau Williams, Kelly Vorbau Owens and Dennis Vorbau; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, a brother and granddaughter, Debby Vorbau, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Rev. Charles Mullen, of St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Sunday, November 9, 2003

Beverly Loflin

LAGRANGE — Beverly S. "Bev" Loflin, 64, died unexpectedly Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, at her residence.

On Feb. 12, 1939, in LaGrange County, she was born to John Walter and Ida (Oakel Gaskill) Randol. She married Murel LeRoy Loflin on June 6, 1967, in Pleasant Lake. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2003.

Mrs. Loflin

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: two daughters, Beth Marie Ballard, Arkansas, and Linda Darlene Loflin, Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald Martin and Sue Wynne, Jr., Angola, and Thomas Edward and Ellen Wynne, Pioneer, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, Brenda Renee Davis, David Allen Ballard, Sarah Beth Ballard, Ricky Lee Ballard, Derek Wayne Ballard, Amber Dawn Eib, Samantha Marie Eib, Bradly Scott Eib, Jessica Chase Hart, Jerry William Hart II, J. Thomas Decotia Wynne and Marissa Marie Wynne; three step-grandchildren, Andrea Ridgeway, Adam Ridgeway and Mitchel Buehrer; two great-grandchildren, Decota Blake Davis and Kalee Ryan Davis; a half-brother, Smith Denman, Indiana; and a half-sister, Evangeline Carlson, Michigan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church, Stroh, with Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Monday at the church.

Monday, November 10, 2003
No Deaths Listed

Judith Peel

HAMILTON — Judith A. Peel, 69, of Hamilton, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

On Oct. 1, 1934, in Auburn, she was born to Burgess "Bud" and Margaret (Huffman) Barnhart. She married David Peel in Hamilton Methodist Church, Hamilton, on Dec. 12, 1959. He survives.

She worked for John Chorpenning Plumbing, Hamilton, and was a member of Hamilton Church of Christ where she was an organist. She was also a member of PSI RHO Sorority, Hamilton, the Angola Chapter OES, Rebecca Lodge, Hamilton, Steuben County Players and a former board member of Turning Point in Angola.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are: a stepfather, Arvin Bickerstaff, Butler; a son, Steven Hardy, Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and John Damron, Hamilton, Amy and Jeff Keegan, Lincolnton, N.C., and Janis and Jeff Alexander, Butler; three brothers, Larry Barnhart, Elizabethtown, N.C., Tom Barnhart, Indianapolis, and Dan Barnhart, Auburn; a sister, Ann Heathman, Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, two grandchildren, Misty Hardy and Sheryl Damron, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hamilton Church of Christ with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arthur Fike

GARRETT — Arthur Junior Fike, 79, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at 9:10 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mr. Fike was a foreman of road construction for Spears and Dehner of Fort Wayne for 40 years, retiring in 1989.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a 79-year resident of Garrett and belonged to Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Corunna.

He was born June 11, 1924, at Corunna to Arthur Fike Sr. and Elva M. (Harter) Fike.

He married Ella Mae Noel on June 26, 1943, in Gatesville, Texas. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons, Steve Fike of San Francisco and Laurin Fike and Jack Fike, both of Garrett; two brothers, Jim Fike and Chuck Fike, both of Garrett; a sister, Beverly Thurman of Garrett; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harold Fike; and a sister, Edna Schulthess.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Joseph Beck

AUBURN — Joseph Ora Beck, 98, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.

He had been a resident of Auburn since 1989 and was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

Mr. Beck taught school in the early years of his career and was a chef for most of his working life.

Very active in his community, he taught food service classes for Goodwill, was a Boy Scout leader in Macon, Ga., was active in Georgia and Indiana Kiwanis Clubs, served as a Macon delegate to the Silver Haired Legislature, was active in Georgia Toastmasters Club, and was a member of Gideons.

He was a recipient of the Humanitarian Award from Sertoma Club.

He authored a book of poetry and recipes, "Siftings from Life," published in 1996.

He was born in Wilkerson County, Ga., to Richard Lewis Beck and Elizabeth Columbus Fountain Beck.

He is survived by his daughters, Betty Jo Honaker of Auburn, Jean Jolley of Northfield, Vt., and Sara Fein of Alexandria, Va., and by 11 grandchildren, James D. Honaker of Tompkinsville, Ky., Timothy R. Honaker of Glenview, Ill., Janelle H. Graber of Auburn, Julia Honaker of Butler, Joseph Crover of Stroh, Laura Chastain and Alice Cunningham, both of Georgia, Ivy Boehm of Cincinnati, Stephen Greer of Switzerland, and Benjamin Fein and Elizabeth Fein, both of Virginia; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Ruby Alice (Brooks) Beck; a daughter, Jackie Crover; a grandson, Michael Honaker; three sisters and seven brothers.

A service celebrating Mr. Beck's life will be held at a future date at the First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn.

Interment will be in Macon, Ga.

Memorials are to the Auburn Baptist Church, 500 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn, or Eckhart Public Library, 603 S. Jackson St., Auburn.

Maud LeMay

KENDALLVILLE — Maud LeMay, 90, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at Kendallville Manor.

She was born in Bluffton and was a dental technician for 35 years, retiring in 1974.

She is survived by caring friends and neighbors.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Maud LeMay

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She was born in Bluffton and was a dental technician for 35 years, retiring in 1974.

She is survived by caring friends and neighbors.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dale Norris

FORT WAYNE — Dale V. Norris, 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

A Fort Wayne native, he was an inspector with Dana Corp., retiring in 1990.

Surviving are his wife, Beth; four sons, James Norris of Auburn, Dale Norris of LaGrange, Ga., Robert Norris of New Orleans and Michael Ely of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Marilyn Calahan and Willodean Puff, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Bethany United Methodist Church.

Maude Lyons

ANGOLA — Maude L. Lyons, 90, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, where she had been admitted earlier in the day.

Mrs. Lyons was born Oct. 24, 1913, in Logansport, to John E. and Icel M. (Roller) Gaby. She married Donald K. Lyons on Sept. 21, 1957, in Angola, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Angola United Methodist Church. She had also been a member of the Edon United Methodist Church in Edon, Ohio.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harold "Pete" Sr. and Bonnie Mills of Edon and John Mills of LaGrange; two daughters, Donna Hayes of Edon and Sharon Taylor of Aldvorton, Ohio; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Kenneth and Ruth Ann Lyons of Edon and Roger and Donna Lyons of Montpelier, Ohio; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Carolyn and Jim Roesner of Camden, Mich.; 19 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Calling is today from 4-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to Edon United Methodist Church or Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Bessie Moss

ANGOLA — Bessie Lucile Moss, 91, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Moss was born March 25, 1912, in Steuben County, to Paul and Verle (Delancey) Horn.

She married Clarence Moss in Angola on Oct. 14, 1954, and he survives.

She was a waitress for eight years at the Angola Holiday Inn and was also a homemaker. She attended Flint United Methodist Church in Flint.

Also surviving are four sons, Larry Hagewood of Garrett, Lynn Hagewood of Angola, Ronald Hagewood of Auburn and Norman Hagewood of Fremont; a brother, Steven Horn of Angola; a sister, Lillian Fisher of Angola; 21 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carney Hagewood, on April 25, 1952, and one grandson, Jeffrey Hagewood.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Joseph Beck

AUBURN — A service celebrating the life of Joseph Ora Beck, 98, will take place Saturday at 4 p.m. in the First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn. The Rev. Robert Craig will officiate.

Mr. Beck died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home.

He had been a resident of Auburn since 1989 and was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

Mr. Beck taught school in the early years of his career and was a chef for most of his working life.

Very active in his community, he taught food service classes for Goodwill, was a Boy Scout leader in Macon, Ga., was active in Georgia and Indiana Kiwanis Clubs, served as a Macon delegate to the Silver Haired Legislature, was active in Georgia Toastmasters Club, and was a member of Gideons. He was a recipient of the Humanitarian Award from Sertoma Club.

He authored a book of poetry and recipes, "Siftings from Life," published in 1996.

He was born in Wilkerson County, Ga., to Richard Lewis Beck and Elizabeth Columbus Fountain Beck.

Surviving are his daughters, Betty Jo Honaker of Auburn, Jean Jolley of Northfield, Vt., and Sara Fein of Alexandria, Va., and 11 grandchildren, James D. Honaker of Tompkinsville, Ky., Timothy R. Honaker of Glenview, Ill., Janelle H. Graber of Auburn, Julia Honaker of Butler, Joseph Crover of Stroh, Laura Chastain and Alice Cunningham, both of Georgia, Ivy Boehm of Cincinnati, Stephen Greer of Switzerland, and Benjamin Fein and Elizabeth Fein, both of Virginia; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Ruby Alice (Brooks) Beck; a daughter, Jackie Crover; a grandson, Michael Honaker; three sisters and seven brothers.

Interment will be in Macon, Ga. The family requests no flowers. Memorials are to the Auburn Baptist Church, 500 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn, or Eckhart Public Library, 603 S. Jackson St., Auburn.

LeMar Keener

BARTLETT, Ill. — LeMar L. Keener, 72, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Mr. Keener was a former resident of Hicksville, Ohio. He was a 1949 graduate of Hicksville High School and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing with his grandchildren and wintering in Florida.

Mr. Keener was born June 16, 1931, to Virgil and Beulah Keener. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Roberta, two daughters and a son-in-law, Sheryl and David Oliver and Laura Keener; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Rita Keener; and seven grandchildren.

Services be Monday at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Burial, with military honors, will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Enos Lengacher

GRABILL — Enos J. Lengacher, 48, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at 1:10 p.m. at his home.

He was born March 31, 1955, in Allen County to Peter J. and Rosa Lengacher. His father preceded him in death in 1989 and his mother survives in Grabill.

Also surviving are a brother, David J. Lengacher of Grabill; two sisters, Rosa Lengacher of Grabill and Martha Graber of Harlan; six nieces and four nephews.

Services will be Friday at 9 a.m. at the family residence, 15212 Antwerp Road, Grabill, with calling continuing today until services begin Friday.

Burial will be in Amish Cemetery on Roth Road, Grabill.

Friday, November 14, 2003

Dora Shafer

BUTLER — Dora R. Shafer, 88, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at her daughter's home in Longville, Minn.

A former Butler resident, Mrs. Shafer was a homemaker and nurse's aide. She was a member of the Butler Nazarene Church.

She was born Sept. 28, 1915, in Hicksville, Ohio, to John H. and Florence H (Smith) Rohrs.

On Feb. 19, 1937, she married Clyde F. Shafer in Fort Wayne. He died Nov. 27, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Bernard Shafer of Butler; four daughters, Kay A. Grose of Decatur, Marcele Hankey of Butler, Nora R. Pierce of Longville, Minn., and Dora R. Shafer of Edgerton, Ohio; four brothers, DeLoy Rohrs of Bryan, Ohio, Floyd Rohrs of Antwerp, Ohio, Lester Rohrs of Bryan and Paul Rohrs of Edgerton; four sisters, Kathleen Cather of Butler, Florence Field of Florence, S.C., Lavern Grupp of Bryan and Phyllis Hamerichouse of Chicago; 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Royal R. Shafer, and two grandchildren.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Butler Nazarene Church with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Saturday from 3-8 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Nazarene Missionary Fund.

Curtis Stafford

WHITESTOWN — Curtis John Stafford, 2, died of natural causes Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, at 5 a.m. at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Curtis Stafford

He was born Dec. 7, 2000, in Indianapolis to Jon and Michelle (Rogers) Stafford. He was a member of New Hope Christian Church in Whitestown.

Surviving are his parents in Whitestown; one sister, Elise R. Stafford of Whitestown; one brother, Benjamin A. Stafford of Whitestown; his maternal grandmother, Paula J. (Deck) Rogers of Crawfordsville; his paternal grandparents, Harold and Jane (Miller) Stafford of Waterloo; great-grandparents Rachel Deck of Crawfordsville and Esther Miller of Waterloo; and his aunts and uncles, Kimberlee and David Horn of Romney, Bradley and Teresa Rogers of Crawfordsville, Anthony Stafford of Waterloo, Elizabeth and Steve Ward of Butler, Thomas and Tammy Stafford of LaOtto, Sara Stafford of Waterloo, Anne and Don Johnson of Arcola and Peter and Sara Stafford of Crown Point

A grandfather, John Rogers, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Myers Chapel of Memories, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. The Rev. David J. Bourne will officiate. Interment will follow at New Ross Cemetery in New Ross.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Myers Mortuary in Lebanon.

Memorials are to Indiana Ronald McDonald House, 1235 W. Michigan St., P.O. Box 647, Indianapolis, IN 46223 or the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Condolences may be left at www.myersmortuary.com.

Mary Mackin

NEW HAVEN — Mary L. Mackin, 69, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Churubusco native, Mrs. Mackin was a homemaker. She was a member of Martini Lutheran Church and the New Haven/Adams Township Fire Department Auxiliary. She was a member and immediate past president of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary and held numerous district and state offices with the organization.

Mrs. Mackin

She was a 1997 recipient of the Lois Boaz Award and was a former Girl Scout Troop leader.

She is survived by her husband, Richard L. Mackin; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael L and Cathy Mackin and Robert L. and Cheryl Mackin, both of New Haven; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Emma Jean "E.J." "Jean" Smith of Fort Wayne, Darla and Michael Drew of Auburn and and Janet A. and David Burke of Ossian; and grandchildren Kevin (and wife Sarah) and Adam Drew, Nathan and Jordan Burke, Kimberly and Kristin Smith and Stephanie and Kaitlyn Mackin; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Sarah (Schlotterback) Truelove, a sister, Emma Rosenogle, and two brothers, Albert and Allen Truelove.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home with Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary memorial services at 8 p.m., and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m.

Memorials are to the Martini Lutheran Church building fund, the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary.

Thomas Hopkins

SANFORD, Fla. — Thomas O. "Hoppie" Hopkins, 92, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, in Sea Crest Rehabilitation Center in Lake Mary, Fla., after suffering a stroke on Oct. 14, 2003.

Mr. Hopkins was born April 14, 1911.

On Oct. 12, 1957, he married Wilma Smith. He was the former owner of Hoppie's Sporting Goods. He retired from McCray Refrigeration. He also drove for Standard Oil Co. He most recently worked for the City of Sanford Police Crime Lab.

Mr. Hopkins participated in Golden Age Olympics in Florida, winning several gold medals. He enjoyed fishing, pool and shuffleboard.

Mr. Hopkins was a former member of the Stroh, Ind., Eastern Star and the Ashley-Hudson Masonic Lodge in northeast Indiana.

Surviving are his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Cork and Beth Young of Wolcottville; two daughters and their husbands, Lois and Delber Wilks of Sanford, Fla., and Penny and Franscois Cauldrillier of Vestal, N.Y.; a son-in-law, Jim Buckles of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Joyce Buckles, on Jan. 6, 2000.

Cremation has taken place in Sanford with memorial services at a later date.

Sunday, November 16, 2003

Lawrence Kelham

AVILLA — Lawrence Thomas Kelham, 92, died at 7:50 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, in Provena Sacred Heart Home. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Evelyn Barrett

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn Jane Keefer Barrett, 82, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at Kingston Care Center.

She is survived by a daughter, Sylvia Braun of Avilla; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Mark Keefer and J. Edward Keefer, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Barbara Williams of Pinehurst, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll N. Barrett; two daughters, Nancy Barrett and Judy Barrett; and a brother, Richard Keefer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Calling will be 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Robert Horner

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert "Bob" C. Horner, 59, died at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendailville.

Mr. Horner had been an employee of Tower Automotive in Kendallville for nine years and an employee of Food Marketing for 18 years prior to that. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the Local 2345 UAW.

He had resided in the area for several years since moving from Fort Wayne. He enjoyed his family and grandchildren.

He was born Sept. 16, 1944, in Fayetteville, N.C., to William and Noni (Tally) Horner.

He married Vicky (Ross) Schlotterback on Dec. 31, 1987, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Alison and Joe Miranda of Fort Wayne; a son, William Horner of Fort Wayne; his mother, Noni Horner of Ypsilanti, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Laurie and Chad Reeve of Nappanee; a stepson, Brent Schlotterback of St. Louis; seven grandchildren, Stephen Miranda, Sierra Miranda, Nevada Miranda, Graham Horner, Megan Horner, Caleb Reeve and Whitnie Reeve; and a sister, Susan Horner of Ypsilanti.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Deb Pawielski.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. The Rev. Nathan Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. until the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospital or Hospice.

Sunday, November 16, 2003

Treavor Miller

EDON, Ohio — Treavor Jon Miller, 7, died shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. His brother, Dean Allen Miller, and father, Darrin D. Miller, also were killed in the accident.

A first-grade student at Cooney School, he was a Tiger Scout in Edon, played Little League baseball on a team sponsored by Nester Farms and raced go-karts at Rapid Raceway. He enjoyed riding four-wheelers and liked to help on the farm.

He was born July 20, 1996, in Middletown, Ohio, to Darrin D. and Carrie A. (Armstrong) Miller.

He is survived by his mother and her fiancé, Carrie Miller and Tim Miller; his maternal grandparents, Frederick and Barbara Joan Tyson of Middletown, Ohio, Dale and Maude Armstrong of Edon and Ruth and Don Miller of Edon and his paternal grandparents, Richard and Lulah Miller of Edon; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home in Edon. Pastor Tawee Layraman of West Bethesda Presbyterian Church will officiate. Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to Millerfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Darrin Miller

EDON, Ohio — Darrin D. Miller, 35, died shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. His two sons, Dean Allen Miller and Treavor Jon Miller, also were killed in the accident.

Mr. Miller was employed in maintenance at Potawatomi Inn in Angola. He served in the National Guard for six years. He graduated from Edon High School in 1985.

He was born Aug. 22, 1968, in Angola, to Richard M. and Shelby G. (Gump) Miller.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Richard and Lulah Miller of Edon; three brothers, Raymond Miller of Litchfield, Mich., Richard Miller of Bryan, Ohio, and Donald Miller of Edon; a sister and brother-in-law, Sherry and Dave Slater of Edon; a grandmother, Juanita Smith of Fremont; three stepbrothers, Larry Ray of Paulding, Ohio, Rodney Ray of Fort Wayne, and Mitchell Ray of Coldwater, Mich.; two stepsisters, Debra Ray of Fort Wayne, and Lola Kline of St. Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home in Edon. Pastor Tawee Layraman of West Bethesda Presbyterian Church will officiate. Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to Millerfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Dean Miller

EDON, Ohio — Dean Allen Miller, 9, died shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. His brother, Treavor Jon Miller, and father, Darrin D. Miller, were also killed in the accident.

A third-grade student at Cooney School, he was a Cub Scout in Edon, played Little League baseball on a team sponsored by Nester Farms and raced go-karts at Rapid Raceway. He enjoyed riding four-wheelers and liked to help on the farm.

He was born March 3, 1994, in Middletown, Ohio, to Darrin D. and Carrie A. (Armstrong) Miller.

He is survived by his mother and her fiancé, Carrie Miller and Tim Miller; his maternal grandparents, Frederick and Barbara Joan Tyson of Middletown, Ohio, Dale and Maude Armstrong of Edon and Ruth and Don Miller of Edon and his paternal grandparents, Richard and Lulah Miller of Edon; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home in Edon. Pastor Tawee Layraman of West Bethesda Presbyterian Church will officiate. Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to Millerfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Iris Northam

ANGOLA — Former Fremont resident Iris "Cleo" Northam, 95, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Northam was born Oct. 17, 1908, in Wren, Ohio, to Judson and Emily (LaRue) Everett. She married Samuel Northam on Nov. 4, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 1985.

She was a grocery clerk and retired from Gay's Market in Fremont. She attended North Scott Church. She enjoyed knitting and visiting with friends and family.

Surviving are three sisters, Madalin Hayward of Angola, Lois Greenamyer of Fremont and Mildred Kiehl of Van Wert, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Benson Everett, and a sister, Helen Touse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Heath & Hospice or Steuben County Council on Aging.

Bonnie Ananias

ALBION — Bonnie R. Ananias, 77, died at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at her home.

She enjoyed crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles.

Mrs. Ananias was born July 28, 1926, in Fort Wayne to John and Elizabeth (Dornick) Kever.

On Nov. 3, 1973, in Ligonier, she married John Ananias. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Dennis Foreman of Fort Wayne and Valerie and John Blackburn of Aurora, Calif.; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven and Cindy Blair of Cromwell, Joseph Blair of Fort Wayne, Nicholas and Nancy Ananias of Salem, Ore., Danny Ananias of Cromwell and Christopher Ananias of Kendallville; a brother, William Kever of San Antonio, Texas; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Blair, in 1970; a brother, Jack Kever; a sister, Mary Jane Leer; and a grandson, Adam Michael.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenburg officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Animal Shelter.

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

R. Karl Largent

LAKE GAGE — R. Karl Largent, 69, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Largent was born April 6, 1934, in Angola, to Harry and Thelma (Hall) Largent. He married Wilma Pasko at the United Lutheran Church in Columbus on Nov. 17, 1956, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, where he flew as a weather officer during the Korean War.

For 15 years, he was the vice president of sales and marketing for the Arvinyl Division of Arvin Industry in Columbus. In 1990, he resigned his position and pursued a full-time writing career.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, and was a former horse show judge and trainer of horses. He competed in Sports Car Club of America road racing events, and served with the U.S. Weather Bureau.

He held degrees from St. Francis College, University of Illinois and Indiana University. He was named Indiana's Columnist of the Year and was the recipient of the Dorothy Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement. He was an award-winning columnist.

He has presented writing seminars to more than 3,000 people at workshops, classes and conferences at various Indiana University sites, Western Michigan University, Ball State University, numerous Michigan community colleges, Augustana College, Tri-State University, Anderson College, The Mississippi Valley Writers Conference, Midwest Writers Conference, the CIW, the RWA, and others.

Also surviving are three sons, Kyle Largent of Irvine, Calif., Kevin Largent of Connersville and Kendrick Largent of Indianapolis; two daughters, Kelly Hochderfer and Kristy Smith, both of Indianapolis; and four grandchildren, Emily and Elliott Largent of Irvine and Dereck Smith and Luke Holloway, both of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before services.

Following the memorial services, committal services will be held at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Memorial Garden, followed by a luncheon at the church.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or Steuben County Cancer Association.

Jack Groosbeck

ANGOLA — Jack M. Groosbeck, 69, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003.

Mr. Groosbeck was born in Jackson Township of Steuben County on Oct. 7, 1934, to Charles and Ida Karolyn (German) Groosbeck.

He married Annalee Clifton on Aug. 30, 1957, in Andrews, and she survives.

A 1953 graduate of Flint High School, he was a lifetime farmer and a U.S. Army veteran. He attended the Stroh Church of Christ.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ted and Bonnie Groosbeck and Tim and Kathy Groosbeck, all of Angola; his mother-in-law, Mary L. Clifton of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Sandy Groosbeck of Hudson; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lynn and Richard Forst of Breham, Texas; and five grandchildren, Brandy, Benedict and Brandon Myers and Kristin and Stone Groosbeck.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Stroh Church of Christ, with Minister Mike Hamm officiating. Calling is at the church Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Memorials are to Agape Daycare.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntry.net.

Ronnae Himes

FORT WAYNE — Ronnae L. Himes, 59, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at 11:49 a.m. in Parkview Hospital.

She was a teacher in Churubusco.

She was born Sept. 1, 1944, in Kendallville to Paul and Barbara (Gary) Himes.

Surviving are her companion, Nancy Noble of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Debbie and Paul Fuller of Schaumburg, Ill., and Jerilyn and Jim Buchanan of Howe; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Mary Himes of Sturgis, Mich.; five nieces and one nephew.

Private family services will be held. Memorials are to the Animal Welfare Association, P.O. Box 575, Howe, IN 46746. The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Mason

EDON, Ohio — Dorothy "Jerry" Mason, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for a week.

She was a member of the Mount Union Christian Church near Edon, the Northwest Grange and the Garden Club from the church. She was a cook for Edon Northwest Schools for 28 years prior to her retirement.

Mrs. Mason was born Nov. 12, 1925, in Northwest Township of Williams County, Ohio, to Roy and Sylvia (Ansley) Coolman. She married Olen K. Mason on March 4, 1944, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Walt Fitzcharles of Montpelier, Ohio and Bonnie and Skip Nickens of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Barb Mason of Edon, a brother, Duane "Roy" Coolman of Bryan, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Union Christian Church, with Pastor Glen Prine officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Burial will be in Billingston Cemetery near Edon.

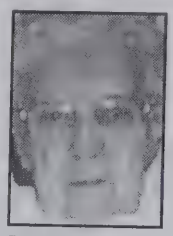
Memorials are to Mount Union Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to Masonfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

Helen Fryer

AVILLA — Helen A. Fryer, 94, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.


Mrs. Fryer

Mrs. Fryer was a nurses' aide and had worked at the Kendallville Nursing Home and at Glen Oaks Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a member of the Beacon Light Chapel in Churubusco.

She was born June 7, 1909, in Garrett to Clarence and Elizabeth (Mason) Grogg.

On Sept. 1, 1932, in Kendallville, she married Wilbur L. Fryer. He died Feb. 2, 1996.

Surviving are several cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lloyd Cline

AUBURN — Lloyd Cline, 90, died Tuesday evening, Nov. 18, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He formerly owned Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home.

Services are pending at the McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St.

Bonnie Hypes

AVILLA — Bonnie J. Hypes, 72, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at 9 p.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for several years.

Mrs. Hypes

Mrs. Hypes was raised in Lisbon and spent most of her life in Noble County. She retired in 1993 after more than 20 years of employment at Cooper Tire in Auburn.

She was a member of Unity Prayer Group and TCT Christian Organization.

She was born Aug. 3, 1931, in Kendallville to Roy and Blanche Sayles.

On June 24, 1950, in Albion, she married Holt H. Hypes. He died Nov. 8, 1979.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert D. and Vera Hypes of Howe, Terry L. and Deb Hypes of Waterloo, and Larry D. and Wretha Hypes of Farwell, Neb.; a daughter, Kim L. Berryhill of Kendallville; a brother, Robert Sayles of Fort Wayne; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Alberta Zawadzke of Avilla, Juanita Harmes of Corunna, Gladys and Jim Braun of Fort Wayne and Darlene and Henry Morris of Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Cecil Sayles, Judd Sayles and Roy Sayles Jr.

Private family services will be held at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Ralph Barnett Jr.

AVILLA — Ralph P. Barnett Jr., 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at 5:43 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had resided there the past eight years.

Mr. Barnett had lived in Fort Wayne and Huntertown. He retired in 1980 as an inspector after being employed 21 years with the Fort Wayne Street Department.

Mr. Barnett

He was a machine gunner in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Italian campaign and was wounded twice. He received the Purple Heart, the Oak Leaf Cluster and a Presidential Unit Citation.

He was born Oct. 1, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Ralph P. Barnett Sr. and Stella M. (Leininger) Barnett.

On Oct. 11, 1947, in Fort Wayne, he married Betty L. Burns. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Dianne Baeten of Fort Wayne and Debbie and Gary Owen of Huntertown; a son and daughter-in-law, Daniel P. and Denise Barnett of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Harold and Mary Barnett and Roger Barnett, all of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Evelyn Dennis and Eloise Cole, both of Fort Wayne, and Betty Blackburn of Huntertown; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Tom Novy from Provena Sacred Heart Home officiating. Private burial services will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Denise Jones

LONGMONT, Colo. — Denise A. Jones, 77, died Nov. 12, 2003, in Longmont, Colo.

Mrs. Jones had lived in Longmont for 24 years. She was a restaurant manager in Fort Wayne for 36 years and own the Continental Cafe in Lafayette for two years. She moved to Colorado in 1979.

Mrs. Jones

She enjoyed cooking, knitting, helping others, gardening and pets.

She was born May 16, 1926, in France to Eugene and Anne Marie (Vermet) Legault.

She married William S. "Buck" Jones in 1946 in Paris, France. He died in September of this year.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philippe and Alice Jones of Garrett; a daughter, Kimberly R. Smith of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Kylee Jones and Jessica Jones, both of Hamilton, and Janelle Franks of Garrett; three grandsons, Seth Jones and Chad Jones of Hamilton and Jay Franks and his wife, Trish, of Garrett; two great-granddaughters, Cassandra and Rachel Franks of Garrett; a sister, Mary Therese Joubert of France; two sisters-in-law, Paulette Legault and Marcelle Legault, both of France; and a brother-in-law, Fernand Joubert of France.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Roger and George Legault.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Eric Stoops will officiate. Burial will be Saturday in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Saturday from 2:30 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Doyle Whitton

REMINGTON — Doyle Gene Whitton, 69, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at 6:45 p.m. at his home.

He had lived in Remington since 1978, moving from Auburn.

Mr. Whitton was a tool-and-die maker for 26 years at Magnavox in Fort Wayne and had worked at PerPak in Brook, Ind., for 16 years. He farmed in Auburn and Remington for 25 years.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served from 1957 to 1960 in Okinawa, Japan. He was a member of the Remington United Methodist Church and a past member of the Auburn Jaycees and the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department. He was affiliated with the DeKalb Chapter of American Red Cross.

He loved to travel and he and his wife had visited all 50 states and other countries. He enjoyed NASCAR, golf, his grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was born June 7, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Esther (Zegafuse) Whitton.

He married Sandra Knochel on May 28, 1961. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Chris and Mark Legler of Remington, Cindy Whitton of Wawaka and Connie Whitton of Lafayette; a son, Tim Whitton of West Lafayette; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Bonnie Whitton of Kokomo and Gerald and Janice Whitton of Fairbanks, Alaska, and four grandchildren, Tori, Noah and Elijah Legler and Caitlyn Halferty.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Remington United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jaqueline Foley officiating.

Burial with graveside military rites will take place in Remington Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. at Stitz Funeral Home, 9 North St., Remington.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association or the Remington United Methodist Church.

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Jenny Moore

HOWARD, Ohio — Jenny Lynn (Carey) Moore, 38, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at her parents' home.

Mrs. Moore worked as an activity director for Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. She graduated from Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Ill., in 1991.

She was born March 14, 1965, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Mark and Lucille (Heldenbrand) Moore. They survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Marc Moore of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and a sister, Marceil Fenner of Gahanna, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William G. Carey II, and an infant daughter, Elizabeth Grace Kelsey.

A memorial service will be held at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Fredericktown, Ohio. The Rev. John Kinsey and the Rev. Ken Yingling will officiate. Burial will be in Mansfield Cemetery.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 at Snyder Funeral Home in Fredericktown and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Fredericktown.

An obituary and guest registry may be viewed at www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Alberta Gibbeny

PLEASANT LAKE — Alberta Gibbeny, 85, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She was employed as a clerk at Fetzer's Bakery in Angola, retiring in 1981.

She was born Sept. 16, 1918, in Indianapolis to Arthur and Vaunetta (Tilson) Goodall.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Bill Brown of Pleasant Lake and Linda and Charles Blakesley of Auburn; a son, John Gibbeny of Fremont; a sister, Violet Smith of Franklin; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gibbeny, who died in 1987, her parents, a daughter-in-law, Eunice Gibbeny, and two sisters, Mary Richey and Norma Moss.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. The Rev. Norman Fuller of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Alvin Jones

AUBURN — Alvin Junior Jones, 67, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, in his home.

Mr. Jones worked as a machinist for Auburn Gear for over 30 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, music, gardening and woodworking.

He was member of the Eel River Baptist Church in Churubusco and a former member and past president of the local UAW.

Born May 18, 1936, in rural Garrett, he was the son of Alvin L. and Berniece F. (Pound) Jones. His mother survives in Auburn.

On March 23, 1957, in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, he married Betty Joan Mann. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Rick Shultz of Garrett and Connie and John Cline of Fort Wayne; one brother, Edwin Jones of Okeechobee, Fla.; one sister, Frieda M. Smigelski of Auburn; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father; one brother, Dale Jones; and a sister, Mary Lallow.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Doyle Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Day Break Children's Shelter on East State Street in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Donzella Conkle

AUBURN — Donzella M. Conkle, 76, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at 1:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Conkle worked at County Line Cheese Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters in Auburn.

She was born June 19, 1927, in Butler to Leroy and Jessie (Brown) Smith.

She married Herschel Conkle on Feb. 11, 1961, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rickie Hunter of Waterloo and Colin and Jean Conkle of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Keith Croy of Auburn; six grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Roger Hunter; a daughter, Tammy Conkle; and four brothers, Lloyd, Dale, John and Kenneth Smith.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Paul Vogelpohl

WATERLOO — Paul Marvin Vogelpohl, 76, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Vogelpohl worked at Dana Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn. He retired in 1987 with 37 years of service.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and the Butler Masonic Lodge.

Born Jan. 20, 1927, in Putnam County, Ohio, he was the son of Enos I. and Bessie (Geren) Vogelpohl.

On Dec. 10, 1946, in Auburn, he married Glema Batterson. She died Feb. 14, 1995.

Surviving are one son, Russell P. Vogelpohl of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue Ann and Wayne Burdick of Auburn and Carol Jean and Neal Smith of Huntertown; one brother, Garry Vogelpohl of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Jacquelyn Hornbrook of Angola; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Lloyd Cline

AUBURN — Lloyd M. Cline, 90, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was a former funeral director and was a partner in and then owner of the Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home and furniture store.

Mr. Cline began working in the furniture and funeral business in 1938 and graduated from Indiana Mortuary College in 1940. He served on the boards of DeKalb Memorial Hospital and Peoples Federal Savings and Loan in Auburn.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and the Auburn Rotary Club.

He enjoyed family, friends and neighbors, mowing his lawn and following the news.

He was born Sept. 7, 1913, in LaGrange County to Fred and Troie (Marks) Cline.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Southern of Auburn; a son, Fred Cline of San Clemente, Calif.; three grandchildren, Katherine Southern of Madison, Wis., David "Hill" Southern of Auburn, and Sylvia Baum and her husband, James, of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Daniel Baum of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Rod Simmons of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helena E. Cline, on Feb. 7, 2003, his parents and a sister, Gladys Hoff Mishler.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Friday, November 21, 2003

Jeffrey Evans

FORT WAYNE — Jeffrey Evans, 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at his home.

Born in New York, N.Y., he was the vice president and general manager for WFFT-TV for 10 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a U.S. Army and Air Force veteran, serving during World War II, and a member of American Legion Post 499 and Elks Lodge 155. He enjoyed playing golf.

Surviving are his wife, Martha E. Evans of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Terri R. Rosenbury of Auburn and Sheree Hendrix of Fort Wayne; two sons, Stephen J. Evans and James Hendrix, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Laura Jean Evans of Auburn, Melissa and Michael Hendrix, both of Fort Wayne, and Molly Rosenbury.

Services will be today at 5 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-5 p.m. with American Legion military honors.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 499.

Elsie Galentine

FORT WAYNE — Elsie Galentine, 84, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and worked at Parkview Hospital as a hospitality specialist, retiring in 1983. She also volunteered at Woodview Nursing Home.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Doris and Grace Galentine of Fort Wayne, and a niece, Florence Traster of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Galentine, in 1972, and two brothers and six sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, with calling two hours prior to the services. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park

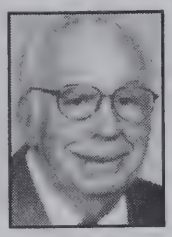
Memorials are to the Lutheran Hospital Kidney Foundation.

Saturday, November 22, 2003

Herman Seigel

AUBURN — Herman Junior Seigel, 75, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at home.

Mr. Seigel was born Aug. 25, 1928, in DeKalb County, to Herman P. and Myrtle (Kalb) Seigel. He married Glenice R. Zook in Fort Wayne on Dec. 10, 1950, and she survives.



Mr. Seigel

He owned and operated Herm's Barber Shop in Corunna for 30 years, retiring in 1998.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Cheryl Seigel of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Brown of Fort Wayne and Sharon and John Treesh of Garrett; three brothers, Richard and Robert Seigel, both of Indianapolis and James Seigel of Auburn; seven grandchildren, Derrick and Brooke Brown, Ben and Ashlee Seigel, Natalie Morrow and Joseph and Janessa Treesh; and five great-grandchildren, Lilianne and Lucy Brown and Abbie, Audrey and Maddie Morrow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall, and also one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church building fund or the Lutheran Hour.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Helen Casebere

AUBURN — Former Hamilton resident Helen L. Casebere, 92, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Casebere was born Aug. 7, 1911, in Troy Township, to Gilbert and Maude M. (Betts) Everetts. She married Donald J. Casebere on Sept. 29, 1928, in Butler, and he preceded her in death on April 24, 1969.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Nile Casebere of Montgomery, Ala.; a daughter, Kathryn Bowers of Hamilton; a brother, Lyle Everetts of Bryan, Ohio; a sister, Evangeline Harrison of Jackson, Mich.; 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dean Casebere, and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Bernard Lash

AUBURN — Bernard B. Lash, 67, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Lash was born June 9, 1936, in Wayne County, to Howard and Christine (Zircher) Lash. He was a lifetime resident of the Auburn area.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Ervin "Joe" and Dorothy Lash of Graceville, Fla.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, officiating. There will be no calling.

Robert Martin

BUTLER — Robert L. Martin, 62, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Martin was born Nov. 28, 1940, in Wayland, Ky., to Marion and Thelma (Terry) Martin. He married Katherine Baker on Sept. 27, 1986, in Hindman, Ky., and she preceded him in death on April 14, 2003.

He worked at Eagle Picher for eight years before retiring.

Surviving are three sons, Glen Martin of Butler, Harvey Martin of Garrett, Ky., and Robert Martin of Corunna; a daughter, Tresa Patton of Kendallville; two brothers, Charles and Glen Martin, both of Wayland; a half-brother, Bobby D. Slone of Willard, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Carl R. Martin.

No local services will be held. Services are pending at Hall Brothers in Martin, Ky.

Burial will be in Martin Cemetery in Wayland.

Local arrangements were handled by H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Rolena Collinsworth

WOLF LAKE — Rolena Mae Collinsworth, 85, Wolf Lake, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at her home.

She was employed at Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake for eight years and retired as a ward clerk at Whitley County Memorial Hospital after 23 years of service. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wolf Lake.

She was born July 19, 1918, in Albion, to Reuben H. and Maude M. (McCamment) Oliver. She was raised in York Township, Noble County, and attended York Center School.

On Oct. 17, 1942, she married Robert C. Collinsworth. The couple lived in the Albion and Wolf Lake areas before moving to Wolf Lake in 1950. Her husband preceded her in death Oct. 12, 1996. A grandson and two sisters, Evelyn Scott and Doratha Oliver, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Rolland Gipson of Churubusco; a son, Wayne Curtis Collinsworth of Albion; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Oliver of Wolf Lake; and a sister, Helen Wolf of Willa Springs, Mo.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Avery Conley

LAGRANGE — Avery Conley, 69, LaGrange, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He moved to LaGrange County from Kentucky in 1950, and had retired from Skyline Corp. of Howe.

He was born July 24, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to John "Cooney" and Ada (Collins) Conley. On Dec. 31, 1955, in LaGrange, he married Rozella (Terry) Conley, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Joan Rasler of Orland, Kathy Reuben of Andover, Minn., Vicky Lynn Conley of Angola, Bridgett Conley of Howe and Myra T. Conley of LaGrange; six sisters, Audrey Downing of Wolcottville, Zola Ramey of Helmer, Wanita Messer of Kendallville, Ileen Bolen of Stroh, Lorene Penick of Pleasant Lake and Geneva Clinger of South Milford; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Hawlie and Donald Conley, are deceased.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m at the church.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Sunday, November 23, 2003

Thomas Harmon

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas "Tom" Harmon, 64, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

He had worked at Zanxx Corp. in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 10, 1939, in Campton, Ky., to Charles and Fannie (Little) Harmon.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Melody Harmon and Thomas Harmon of Kendallville, Michael Harmon of Butler and Carl and Janel Harmon of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Russell Daniels of Waterloo, Lisa and Carl DeWitt of Auburn and Hope and David McDonald of Wawaka; two brothers, Charles Harmon of Kokomo and Floyd Harmon of Kalamazoo, Mich.; four sisters, Carrie Shepard of Comstock, Mich., Kathleen Ousley of Ashley, Nora Hatton of Garrett and Flora Handshoe of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Bob and Arthur Harmon and a sister, Hazel Harmon, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Gene Willms

ANGOLA — Gene Edwin Willms, 72, Angola, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He worked as a machinist for Aro Corp. in Angola and was a member of the Orland American Legion. He served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He was born Jan. 6, 1931, in LaGrange, to Otto and Marie (Smith) Willms. On March 14, 1975, he married Dolores "Corky" Miller, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are four sons, Larry of Bronson, Mich., Kerry of Sturgis, Mich., Martin of Orland and Robert Cary of Avon; a daughter, Jacqueline Milliman of Sturgis, Mich.; four sisters, Eloise Cavanaugh of Michigan City, Grace Ferco of LaGrange, Marsha Winchester of Indianapolis and Linda Eaton of Orland; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Fred, and two sisters, Lillian Smith and Mildred Hyman, preceded him in death.

Memorial services were Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Orland American Legion. Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola was in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Avery Conley

LAGRANGE — Avery Conley, 69, of LaGrange, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Conley moved to LaGrange County from Kentucky in 1950. He had retired from Skyline Corp. of Howe.

He was born July 24, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to John "Cooney" and Ada (Collins) Conley.

On Dec. 31, 1955, in LaGrange, he married Rozella Terry, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Joan Rasler of Orland, Kathy Reuben of Andover, Minn., Vicky Lynn Conley of Angola, Bridgett Conley of Howe and Myra T. Conley of LaGrange; six sisters, Audrey Downing of Wolcottville, Zola Ramey of Helmer, Wanita Messer of Kendallville, Ileen Bolen of Stroh, Lorene Penick of Pleasant Lake and Geneva Clinger of South Milford; two brothers, Vernor Conley of South Milford and Clyde Conley of Rome City; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Hawlie and Donald Conley, are deceased.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m at the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Jean Kirkpatrick

GREENFIELD — Jean Frances Wainwright Kirkpatrick, 89, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at 8:10 p.m. in Brandywine Nursing Home at Greenfield.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was a homemaker. She had lived in Greenfield since July 2000, but lived most of her life in Rush County. She lived in Mays from 1984 to 2000. She had spent winters in Tucson, Ariz., since the 1970s.

A graduate of Rushville High School with the class of 1931, she was a member of the Center Christian Church, Jackson Township Community Club and Red Cross. She was a former member of Kappa Kappa Sigma sorority, the Thesis Club and the Booster Home Economics Club.

She was born Dec. 20, 1913, in Rushville, to Walter and Gertrude (Blackburn) Wainwright.

She married J. Wendell Kirkpatrick on Feb. 26, 1938. He died Nov. 4, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, John W. Kirkpatrick of Reno, Nev. and William O. Kirkpatrick of Indianapolis; a daughter, Carol Ann Warner of Auburn; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, one sister and one grandson.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Moster & Cox Mortuary, 334 N. Main St., Rushville. Bill Worrell will officiate. Burial will be in Center Cemetery of Rush County.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Laura Copley

BUTLER — Laura Copley, 80, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, at 9 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Copley was a homemaker. She was born March 21, 1923, at Fort Gay, W. Va., to James and Vinnie (Sawyers) Pennington.

She married Elda J. Copley on Sept. 20, 1951, in Louisa, Ky. He died July 7, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Mike Anderson of Butler; two brothers, Calvin Pennington of Baltimore, Md., and Roy Pennington of Akron, Ohio; four grandchildren, Tronna Daniels of Auburn, Somer Anderson of Butler, Jenese Brown of Auburn and Jason Anderson of Japan; two great-grandchildren, Nicolas Daniels of Auburn and Leigha Brown of Auburn; a special niece, Carole Craig of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd, Albert and Jay Pennington, and three sisters, Mary Ball, Veda Peters and Ethel Peck.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

John Shoudel

AUBURN — John W. Shoudel, 89, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, at Heritage Manor in Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Shoudel worked for Warner Gear (now Auburn Gear) for 32 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn and Modern Woodmen of America.

He was born Oct. 10, 1914, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to William and Stella (Kraft) Shoudel.

He married Marie (Kepler) Shoudel on Nov. 27, 1937, in Auburn. She died Feb. 12, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Mary Shoudel of Rochester, Ill.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Lynne Shoudel of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. John and Mary Shoudel of Rochester, Ill., David Shoudel of Rochester, Ill., Tracy and Daniel Schnorr of Columbia City and Todd Johnson of Fort Wayne; his great-grandchildren, Jacob Schnorr of Columbia City and Celine and Keeley Shoudel of Rochester, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Johnson; a brother, Charles Shoudel; and three sisters, Thelma Cope, Audrey Hickman and Harriett Woodcock.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Benjamin Jackson

FORT WAYNE — Benjamin Joe Jackson, age 4 1/2 months, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 2, 2003, in Fort Wayne to Larry and Melisa Jackson of Fort Wayne. They survive.

Also surviving are his brother, Justin Pineiro, at home; a sister, Jenna Jackson, and brother, Joshua Jackson, both at home; his grandparents, Joann Jackson-Ihnen of North Manchester, Tom and Kay Dimmich and Kathy Hurni-Dove, all of Auburn; a great-grandfather, Vince Miller of Auburn; and aunts and uncles, Lana and Bob Sutton of Fort Wayne, Rick and Michele Hurni of Matthews, N.C., Valerie and Scott Armstrong of Huron, Ohio, Jilleen Hurni of Indianapolis, Lindsay Hurni of Muncie, Dane Hurni of Auburn and Ryan Dimmich of Matthews, N.C.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Brookside Community Church, 6102 Evard Road.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to SIDS charities.

Jennifer Ernest

FORT WAYNE — Jennifer (McClure) Ernest, 31, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at 8:54 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital. She had been been ill for the past three weeks.

She was a resident of Fort Wayne and a former resident of Garrett.

Surviving are her husband, Dennis D. Ernest, two sons, Dexter S. and Jordan L. Ernest, and her parents, Stephen and Karlene McClure, all of Fort Wayne; her grandparents, Russ and Beverly Kennedy of Garrett and Dwight and Rita McClure of Fremont; her mother-in-law and her husband, Sarah and Willie Harris of Fort Wayne; her father-in-law, Eddie L. Johnson of Baton Rouge, La.; a brother, Phillip McClure of Fort Wayne; 13 special cousins and many other close family members and friends who loved her.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Danny Stallings

BUTLER — Danny "Woody" Stallings, 63, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003.

Mr. Stallings worked for Dana Corp. in Auburn, now Eaton Corp., for 30 years.

He was born April 20, 1940, in Meridian, Miss.

He married Caroline (Barger) Stallings on Dec. 22, 1977. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dave and Cherie Mason of Spencerville, Wesley and Laura Stallings of Kendallville and Steve Robinson of Butler; three daughters and a son-in-law, Dani and Adam Rittermayer Sr. of Wolcottville, Lorretta Irish of Garrett and Rhonda Ivey and her fiance, Mark Ballentine of Butler; and 10 grandchildren, Mike Mason, Brianne Rittermayer, Adam Rittermayer Jr., Michelle Mason, Tim Bricker, Sean Bricker, Kristal Bricker, Dalton Ballentine, Alexandra Robinson and Stephanie Mosley.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Rick Zehr will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is tonight from 5-8 and Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Carole Humphrey

FORT WAYNE — Carole B. Humphrey, 64, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Blue

KENDALLVILLE — Donald J. Blue, 87, died at 4:10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blue

Mr. Blue lived in Kendallville most of his adult life. He worked for 28 years at Newnam Foundry, Kendallville, retiring as superintendent.

He was a life member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. His hobbies included fishing, gardening family and friends and feeding squirrels and birds.

He was born April 25, 1916, in Warsaw to Melva and Bessie (Montague) Blue.

On Sept. 14, 1935, in Warsaw, he married Glenna Gates, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Bill Moree of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Caryl Blue and Richard Blue, all of Kendallville; a brother, Melva Blue Jr. of Warsaw; a sister, Grace McGinnes of Warsaw; three granddaughters, Kim Marti and Amy Sage, both of Kendallville, and Mindy Epple of New Haven; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Duane Blue, who was killed in World War II.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Joann Grepke, both of St. John Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

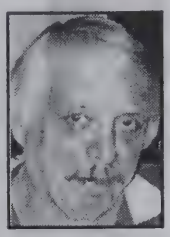
Memorials are to the church.

Wednesday, November 26, 2003

Gearld Henderson Jr.

WATERLOO — Gearld C. "Bill" Henderson Jr., 57, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Henderson worked for County Line Cheese Co. for 21 years and for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 10 years. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Auburn Moose Lodge and Auburn Bowling League.



Mr. Henderson

He was born Sept. 17, 1946, in Butler to Gearld C. and Lorraine (Carper) Henderson. His mother survives in Garrett.

He married Shirley VanDeVoorde on July 20, 1996, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nicole M. Henderson of St. Joe; three stepsons, Joel VanDeVoorde, Todd VanDeVoorde and Ray VanDeVoorde, all of Edon, Ohio; two brothers, Ray Henderson of Golden Lake and John Henderson of Garrett; three sisters, Laura Strack, Mary Ann Fugate and Rosemary Leach, all of Garrett; one grandchild, Nikalys McKean; and three stepgrandchildren, Dru VanDeVoorde, Jacob VanDeVoorde and Alley Hodapp.

He was preceded in death by his father and two sisters, Margaret Henderson and Nancy Handshoe.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations are to Mooseheart or the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jennifer Ernest

FORT WAYNE — Jennifer McClure Ernest, 31, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at 8:54 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital. She had been been hospitalized for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Ernest was employed as an administrative assistant at One Resource Group in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the South Central Congregation Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Fort Wayne and had been engaged in the full-time ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses for the past five years.

Mrs. Ernest

An avid reader, she loved to skate, swim and travel and was a devoted wife and mother.

She spent her formative years in Garrett and graduated from Garrett High School in 1990.

She was born Oct. 16, 1972, in Auburn to Stephen D. and Karlene Kennedy McClure. They survive in Fort Wayne.

She married Dennis D. Ernest on April 27, 1996, in Fort Wayne and had lived in Fort Wayne since then. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are two sons at home, Dexter Stephen Ernest, 5, and Jordan Lee Ernest, 2; a brother, Phillip McClure of Fort Wayne; her maternal grandparents, Russ and Beverly Kennedy of Garrett; her paternal grandparents, Dwight and Rita McClure of Fremont; her mother-in-law and her husband, Sarah and Willie Harris of Fort Wayne; her father-in-law, Eddie L. Johnson of Baton Rouge, La.; 13 cousins and other close family members and friends who loved her.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the South Central Congregation Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 6000 Abbott St., Fort Wayne. Ed Richard will officiate. Interment will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at Kingdom Hall.

Memorials are to the Jennifer Ernest Memorial Fund.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Walter Spieth

FORT WAYNE— Walter C. Spieth, 71, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003.

Mr. Spieth retired from International Harvester in 1985 with 31 years of service.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and South Side Farmers Market.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Purvis of Auburn and Carol Foster of Fort Wayne; one son, Rick Spieth of Fort Wayne; six brothers, Herman of Fort Wayne, James and Francis of Monroeville, Lawrence of Fort Wayne, Bernard of Albion and Donald of San Antonio, Texas; four sisters, Mary Royal of Allegheny, Mich., Margie Schleinkofer and Pat Kramer, both of Fort Wayne, and Rita Walker of New Haven; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa; one brother, Joseph, and a daughter, Linda.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, with burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday with a vigil service at 4:30 p.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials are to the blind and disabled or Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Wednesday, November 26, 2003

Frederick Johnston

FORT WAYNE — Frederick "Fred" William Johnston, 81, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Johnston was a mechanic for Old Fort Supply, retiring in 1986.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 241, St. Therese Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society at the church.

He was born Nov. 9, 1922, in Monroeville.

Surviving are two sons, James E. Johnston of Spencerville and John F. Johnston of Yoder; three daughters, Shirley Scheuerman of Fishers, Beverly Fritzinger of Monroeville and Mary Ellen Mabee of Fort Wayne; three brothers, David E. Johnston of Columbia City, Harry Johnston of Fort Wayne and Bernard Johnston of Monroeville; one sister, Delores Shafer of Bryan, Ohio; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Barr Johnston, four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road. Military graveside services at Highland Park Cemetery will be conducted by the American Legion.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Elzey-Paterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the St. Therese Building Fund or Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice.

Margaret Babinger

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Margaret E. Babinger, 83, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at 2:53 a.m. at Bryan Community Hospital in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Babinger had worked at Zeller Corp., Ohio Art and Allied Molded Products. She had her own sewing shop where she made hand-smocked dresses and mailed them across the country.

She was born July 10, 1920, in Auburn to Wayne and Gladys (Soule) Dilgard.

She married Ray Babinger in 1938 and he preceded her in death in 1979.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Richard Karnes of Ney, Ohio, and Sally and Jon Hull of Bryan; a sister and brother-in-law, Lyda and Tom Cutchin of Fort Wayne; a brother, Charles Dilgard of Van Buren, Ohio; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sharon Castor; a grandson, Randy Castor; a brother, Cornelius Dilgard; and two sisters, Anna Maxine Dilgard and Frances Strange.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, 529 Jefferson Ave., Defiance, Ohio, with the Rev. Ned Speiser officiating. Burial will be in Clinker Cemetery in Defiance County.

Calling will be Friday from 2-9 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Frank Rist

GARRETT — Frank Rist, 67, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at 9:56 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mr. Rist worked as a financial administrator with North American for 18 years before retiring in 1991. He had lived in Garrett for six months and also lived in Garrett from 1952 to 1988 before moving to Fort Wayne.

A 20-year Air Force veteran, he served in the Vietnam era. He was a member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, American Legion Post 499 in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He was born Jan. 3, 1936, in Militisch, Yugoslavia, to Peter and Marianna (Schnepf) Rist. His mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Renee and Larry Scherer of Fort Wayne and Linda and Augie Segyde of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Laura Rist of South Lyon, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth Greenberg and Dr. Stanley Greenberg of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Sarah Rist of Florida, Steven, Benjamin and Rebecca Rist, all of South Lyon, Specialist Nicholas Barlow of Fort Wayne, Shanna Southivong of Fort Wayne and Andrea Scherer of Fort Wayne; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Avilla. A military graveside service will be conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will take place at 5 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans, St. Joseph Catholic Church or American Stroke Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thursday, November 27, 2003

Paul Bair Sr.

CHURUBUSCO — Paul Bair Sr., 80, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at 2:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He had been a patient there for the past four years.

Mr. Bair was born Jan. 12, 1923, in York Township in Noble County to Ebony E. and Ada Haney Bair.

As a child, he moved with his parents to Green Township and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1941.

As a young man, he served with the U.S. Army Corps during World War II.

He was married in Merriam on June 21, 1941, to Regina Scattergood. They spent the early years of their marriage at Blue Lake until moving to their home in Churubusco in 1956.

Mr. Bair was employed as a conductor for the Norfolk and Western Railroad for 26 years, retiring in 1974. He was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846 and the Columbia City Elks 1417.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon J. Wierschke of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul "Butch" Bair Jr. of Winter Haven, Fla., and Max E. and Linda Bair of LaOtto; his twin sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Robert Delanoy of Albion; two other sisters, Nora Jane Bair of Churubusco and Mary Lois Edwards of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Lynn E. and Anita Bair of Churubusco; a sister-in-law, Pauline Bair of Churubusco; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Feb. 13, 2002, his parents, a brother, Ralph Bair, and a grandson, Todd Bair.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry L. Zolman, pastor of the Merriam Christian Chapel, officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel or Miller's Merry Manor Activities Department, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Thursday, November 27, 2003

James Higgins

GARRETT — James E. Higgins, 71, of Garrett, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at his residence.

Mr. Higgins retired from Reliable Tool in Kendallville. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Dec. 13, 1931, to Orville and Hattie Higgins.

He married Beverly D. Aaron on Aug. 29, 1975, in Waveland. She died on Aug. 23, 1999.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and her husband, Tamera and Joe Miller of Howe; two stepgranddaughters, Corinna Rheinheimer and Brandy Meek, both of LaGrange; a stepgrandson, Eric Miller of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three stepgreat-grandchildren; four sisters, Margaret Baker and Ethal Sandusky, both of Crawfordsville, Esther Grayson of Bellvue, Fla., and Inez Barker of Crispen, Ill.; and two brothers, Robert Higgins and Ed Higgins, both of Crawfordsville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Marianne Freeman

FORT WAYNE — Marianne L. Freeman, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003.

She was a retired real estate agent and was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church and American Legion Post 82 of Fort Wayne.

She was born in Warsaw on Oct. 24, 1922, to Paul and Gladys (Henney) Cook.

She is survived by two sons, Marc Freeman of Elkhart and Christopher Freeman of Fort Wayne; seven daughters, Sally Dietz of Mililani, Hawaii, Susan Moore, Roberta Duffy, Nancy Howell and Theresa Hill, all of Fort Wayne, Mary Aholt of Okawville, Ill., and Patricia Devine of Carlyle, Ill.; two sisters, Martha Landen of Massachusetts and Helen Langmeyer of Fort Wayne; one brother, David Cook of Cleveland; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert F., in 1977.

Services will be at noon Friday at St. Therese Catholic Church, with Father Joe Rulli officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from from 9 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Association or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Thursday, November 27, 2003

Virginia Sanders

AUBURN — Virginia R. Sanders, 94, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Wesley Health Care Center.

Born in Auburn, she was a homemaker. She was involved with Tri Kappa P.E.O., Kappa Kappa Gamma Ladies Literary Club and Greenhurst Country Club. She was a past board member of DeKalb Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan J. Jacoby of Tecumseh, Mich.; a son, Joseph M. Sanders of Maumelle, Ark.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh G. Sanders, who was an Auburn attorney.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Virginia Sanders

AUBURN — Virginia R. Sanders, 94, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Wesley Health Care Center.

Mrs. Sanders

Born in Auburn, she was a homemaker. She was involved with Tri Kappa P.E.O., Kappa Kappa Gamma Ladies Literary Club and Greenhurst Country Club. She was a past board member of DeKalb Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan J. Jacoby of Tecumseh, Mich.; a son, Joseph M. Sanders of Maumelle, Ark.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh G. Sanders, who was an Auburn attorney.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Vivian Goshorn

HAMILTON — Vivian G. Goshorn, 81, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Goshorn was retired from her work as a cafeteria cook for Hamilton Community Schools.

She was a member of Alvarado United Methodist Church; Alvarado United Methodist Women, which she served as president, secretary and treasurer; and the Hamilton Rebekah Lodge, which she joined in 1968 and served as Noble Grand and secretary.

She was born July 11, 1922, in Steuben County to Archie and Mable (Gaskill) Moor.

She married Howard Goshorn on Feb. 14, 1947. He preceded her in death in 1989.

Surviving are three sons, George Goshorn of Angola and Dennis and Kevin Goshorn, both of Hamilton; two daughters, Carolyn Goshorn and Linda Kline of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ford Moor, and a sister, Gertrude Moor.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Metz.

Calling is Saturday from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

David Didion

GARRETT — David M. Didion, 35, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at 1:57 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Didion

Mr. Didion was a maintenance employee for Alfe Heat Treating in Columbia City before retiring in 2000. He was a devoted father and loving son. He loved the Dallas Stars of the National Hockey League.

A member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, he had resided in Garrett 25 years. He was born April 13, 1968, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, David R. and Gloria (Sheets) Didion, in Garrett; a daughter, Danielle Didion of Butler; two brothers, Anthony Didion of Indianapolis and Jacob Didion of Garrett; and three sisters, Dawn Hooper of Fort Wayne, Amy Didion of Stroh and Abbie Didion of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in St. Matthew's Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House or the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Friday, November 28, 2003

Robert Howard

ANGOLA — Robert E. Howard, 79, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Howard was a body and fender repairman for L.G. Maxton's in Angola and was an area resident for years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He was a member of the Angola Moose and Veterans of Foreign Wars and attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

He was born April 25, 1924, in Detroit, to Allen and Helen (Zimmer) Howard.

He married Jean Jolivette on Dec. 13, 1947, in Chicago. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert H. and Alice Howard of Omaha, Neb., Richard H. Howard of Hamilton and Michael H. Howard of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Dayhoff of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Patricia and Jeff Bireley of Hamilton; a granddaughter, Heather Howard of Zion, Ill.; a grandson, Michael Howard of Angola; and other numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher M. Gleason, a brother, James Howard, and his parents.

No services will be held. Arrangements were by Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Mabel Smith

CHURUBUSCO — Mabel J. Smith, 86, formerly of Eel River Township, Allen County, died at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Renaissance Village, Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past nine years.

Mrs. Smith retired in 1982 as an assembly worker at the former Victor Gasket Co. in Churubusco. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake Township, St. John's Guiding Lights Senior Citizens and the Eel River Home Demonstration Club.

She spent her formative years on the family farm in Eel River Township and was employed for many years at Fort Wayne Tailoring.

She was born April 10, 1917, in Eel River Township to Edward and Clara (Schowe) Gross.

She married Chalmer S. Smith on Aug. 20, 1938, in Allen County. He died June 24, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda and Richard Harmeyer of Columbia City and Luana and Lowell Felger of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Leone Gross of Churubusco; four grandchildren and their spouses, Christopher and Leah Felger, Cortney and Brian Johnson, Monica and Michael Kline and Marla and Jason Wigent; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, a brother, Delbert E. Gross, preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1991.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake Township, 7924 W. Cook Road, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Saturday, November 29, 2003

Betty Swary

BUTLER — Betty J. Swary, 64, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and was a respiratory therapist for DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Bryan Hospital, Willow Ridge in Fort Wayne and Vencor Hospital in LaGrange. She was an emergency medical technician in DeKalb County and helped start the Butler Emergency Medical Services unit.

She was born in Ridgeville, Ind., on April 5, 1939, to Charles Edgar Eskew and Marjorie (Darymple) Eskew. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Harold Russell Rigby Jr., and his wife, Loretta, of Butler; three daughters and one son-in-law, Margie Ann Rickner of Yorktown, Ind., Cathy and Randy Spicer of Butler and Teresa Reed of Butler; a brother, Dick Eskew of Battle Creek, Mich.; a sister, Maryann Cochran of Jacksonville, Fla.; a special friend, Roberta ManKey; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Goldie Hashberger

KENDALLVILLE — Goldie V. Hashberger, 92, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at the Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center in LaJunta, Colo.

She was born on May 28, 1911, in Carey, Ohio, to Albert and Bertha (Rukard) Rothgeb.

She married the Rev. Harry H. Hashberger on Sept. 5, 1939, in Ohio.

She and her husband had served in many Methodist churches including ones in Hagerstown, Richmond, Logansport, Plymouth and Kendallville.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Nancy Hashberger of Kendallville, and David and Joy Hashberger of Rocky Ford, Colo.; a sister, Ruby and the Rev. Evan Jones of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Fredericks officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery following services.

Memorials are to Asbury College or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences can be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Argus Fisher

HOLLAND, Ohio — Argus L. Fisher, 91, formerly of Butler, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Fisher was a carpenter.

He was born Jan. 18, 1912, to Andrew and Sarah (Aldrich) Fisher in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County.

He married Helen White on Aug. 24, 1935, in Angola.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Mary Fisher of Montpelier, Ohio; three grandchildren and their spouses, Dr. Timothy and Judy Fisher of Whitehouse, Ohio, Michelle and Dino Paglia of Columbus, Ohio, and Melinda Fisher of Maumee, Ohio; and three great-grandchildren, Brandon Fisher of Edon, Ohio, Ashley Paglia of Columbus, Ohio, and Tyler Fisher of Maumee, Ohio.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials to St. Marks Lutheran Church of Butler.

Arrangements were made by H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Joanne Henn

HUNTINGTON — Joanne S. Henn, 75, of Huntington, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at 5:33 p.m., at Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Henn

Mrs. Henn was a 1946 graduate of Cromwell High School and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indiana University.

She was a homemaker and had taught at Ligonier Elementary School. She had been a resident of Huntington since 1960 and was a substitute teacher for the Huntington County Community Schools.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Huntington where she served as a deacon and had taught Sunday school. She was a member of the First Mother's Club and Tri Kappa Sorority of Huntington, Alpha Xi Delta Chapter of Indiana University.

She was born on April 3, 1928, in Cromwell, to Dane D. and Myrtle (Moore) Secrist. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert L. Henn on June 21, 1952, in Enid, Okla. He survives in Huntington.

Also surviving are two sons, Rob A. Henn and David A Henn, both of Huntington; a sister, Donabelle Duesler of Huntington; and three grandchildren.

One brother, Allen Secrist, preceded her in death.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Frank Gready officiating.

Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorials are to the Huntington County Humane Society, American Society or the First Presbyterian Church in care of the Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Ind. 46750.

Sunday, November 30, 2003

Juanita Sheley

LIGONIER — Juanita V. Sheley, 88, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Sheley was a resident of Ligonier for over 65 years, was a homemaker and cared for the elderly.

She graduated from Wawaka High School in 1934 where she was second in her class. She enjoyed her cats, playing piano and watching religious programming. She often entered contests and at one time won a 1946 Pontiac. She was raised in the Baptist religion.

Mrs. Sheley

She was born June 15, 1915, to Albert and Josephine (Brantigan) Blankenhagen in Akron, Ohio.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn "Mary Jo" and Robert Roe of Ligonier, and Loraine and Homer Crowder of South Whitley; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Paul, Stanley and two infants; one sister, Irene; and a great-grandson.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. a Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Services are Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald House.

Dorothy Newman

OCALA, Fla. — Dorothy Newman, 97, of Ocala, Fla., died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at Ocala Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Newman was a retired school teacher and was a resident of Angola from birth until 1971. She was a member of First Christian Church in Ocala, earned her master's degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne and bachelor's from Indiana Universty.

Surviving are a daughter, Lucinda Mermin of New York City; three sons, Keith Newman of Ocala, Dr. Philip Newman, M.D., of Muncie, and John Newman of Charlotte, N.C.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Clayton Newman in January 1999.

Arrangements are pending at Hires Funeral Home, Ocala, Fla.

Chester Osbun

AUBURN — Chester E. Osbun, 79, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003.

He was a grinder operator and machinist for Warner Gear for 30 years before retiring in August 1977. He was a private first class in the Army, a member of the Auburn Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Mr. Osbun was born May 16, 1923, in Butler to Clyde and Lillie (Rohm) Osbun. The preceded him in death.

He married Deloris M. (Grobis) Osbun on Oct. 4, 1942. She preceded him in death on June 1, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Clyde and Judy Osbun of Auburn and Phillip and Lisa Osbun of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Kenneth Ellert of Waterloo; three brothers, Donald and Lester Osbun, both of Auburn, and Everett Osbun of Churubusco; companion an friend, Doris Lechleidner; six granddaughters, Dawn Harvey of Auburn, Denise and Steve Songer, Michele and Nevin Treesh of Waterloo, Tammy and Jasen Dircksen, Mandy and Travis Kintz, and Faye Osbun of Hamilton; three grandsons, Darton Osbun of Auburn, Kent Ellert of Waterloo and David Osbun of Hamilton; a stepgranddaughter, Lindsay Johnston of Waterloo; six great-grandchildren, Nicole Rogers, Logan Treesh, Luke Osbun, Syndee Osbun, Landon Harvey and Summer Dircksen; and one step great-grandchild, Brad Songer.

He was preceded in death by three infant daughters; and three brothers, Raymond, Irvin and Clifford Osbun.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services are Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials to the DeKalb County Alzheimers Association.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Monday, December 1, 2003

John Strobel

GARRETT — John C. Strobel, 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Strobel was a retired U.S. Navy commander who served as a pilot and aviation instructor during World War II and the Korean conflict. He was a senior draftsman for Tokheim, retiring in 1982.

He was born Dec. 21, 1915, in Victoria, Mich., and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He had lived in Garrett 29 years.

Mr. Strobel was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Tulsa, Okla., the Polish National Alliance, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Naval Retired Officers Association and the American Legion in Garrett. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice Strobel of Tulsa; two daughters, Grace T. Denny of Fort Wayne and Cynthia Joe Strobel of Sedona, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Laura Lansing Jones of New Harmony, Utah; and a stepson, Wayne Tarczyk of Sapulpa, Okla.

He was preceded in death by wives Iris Anders Sebree and Regina Betlinski and a brother, Edward Strobel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information and corrections.*

Chester Osbun

AUBURN — Chester E. Osbun, 80, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003.

Mr. Osbun was a grinder operator and machinist for Warner Gear for 30 years, retiring in August 1977. He served as a private first class in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Auburn Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Garrett Eagles and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born May 16, 1923, in Butler to Clyde and Lillie (Rohm) Osbun. They preceded him in death.

He married DeLoris M. Grobis on Oct. 4, 1942. She died June 1, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Clyde and Judy Osbun of Auburn and Phillip and Lisa Osbun of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Kenneth Ellert of Waterloo; his twin brother, Lester of Auburn, two more brothers, Donald of Auburn and Everett of Churubusco; a companion and friend, Doris Lechleidner; six granddaughters and their spouses, Dawn Harvey of Auburn, Denise and Steve Songer of Auburn, Michele and Nevin Treesh of Waterloo, Tammy and Jasen Dircksen of Waterloo, Mandy and Travis Kintz of Waterloo and Faye Osbun of Hamilton; three grandsons, Darian Osbun of Auburn, Kent Ellert of Waterloo and David Osbun of Hamilton; one stepgrand-daughter, Lindsay Johnston of Waterloo; six great-grandchil-dren, Nicole Rogers, Logan Treesh, Lake Osbun, Sydnee Osbun, Landen Harvey and Summer Dircksen; and one stepgreat-grandchild, Brad Songer.

He was preceded in death by three infant daughters and three brothers, Raymond, Irvin and Clifford.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling was Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mildred Traxler

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Mildred A. Traxler, 95, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at the home of her son in Auburn where she had been residing due to illness.

Mrs. Traxler was a homemaker and for many years had been the office nurse and receptionist for Dr. Howard J. Luxan in Montpelier. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Lillian Chapter 41, Order of Eastern Star.

Born March 10, 1908, in Detroit to Joseph A. and Louise (Seyfferth) (Gephart) Klein, she had been a resident of Montpelier since 1924.

On May 18, 1931, she married Adam P. Traxler. He died April 12, 1981.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lyle and Delores Traxler of Auburn; one daughter, Karen Hill of Montpelier; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marion Shanon of Montpelier and Adele Gloyd of Palm City, Fla.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Leonard A. Klein; a grandson, Tommy Allen Hill; and a great-grandson, Jarod Traxler.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier. The Rev. Duane Mabee, Pastor Rosene Short and DeKalb County Hospice Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Carole Humphrey

FORT WAYNE — Carole B. Humphrey, 64, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Humphrey was a native of Minneapolis and was a teacher and a foster grandparent. She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Hyde and Nancy Humphrey, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Jonathan Humphrey of Auburn; two brothers, Frank King of St. Paul, Minn., and Richard King of San Ramone, Calif; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clark O. Humphrey, in 1997, and by a sister.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church.

Memorials are to the Foster Grandparenting Program.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Dewire

EDON, Ohio — Mildred O. "Dolly" Dewire, 83, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at 4:54 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital of Angola, where she had been a patient since Saturday.

Mrs. Dewire was a homemaker and a lifelong member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio, the church's Mary Martha Society and Altar Guild and the Edon American Legion Post 662 Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 8, 1920, in Dearborn, Mich., to Weir and Mildred Ruth (Shaw) Scott.

She married Montie Van Dewire on March 24, 1940, in Edon. He died July 29, 1999.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry W. and Joan Dewire of Edon and Steve A. and Cheryl Dewire of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary L. and Michael Damman of Hillsdale, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Sue Dewire of Montpelier; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Robert Scott, one son, Montie Van Dewire Jr., in 1977, and an infant granddaughter, Kristie Joe Gillen.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon, with Pastor Daniel Beaudoin officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday after 2 p.m. at the Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon.

Memorials are to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to Dewirefamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Raymond Gfeller

WATERLOO — Raymond M. Gfeller, 91, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mr. Gfeller was a lifetime farmer in Smithfield Township. He belonged to DeKalb Agra, Steuben County Farm Bureau and Edon Farmers Co-op in Edon, Ohio.

He was a lifetime member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo, where he was a member of the men's choir, Holy Name Society and Harvest House.

He worked for many years on the election board for the Smithfield East precinct.

He was born Dec. 9, 1911, in Smithfield Township to Frank and Anna (Schiffli) Gfeller.

He is survived by many second cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Clarence Gfeller; and two sisters, Lauretta and Oliva Gfeller.

A funeral Mass will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

No calling is planned.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Lloyd Dollier

AUBURN — Lloyd D. Dollier, 74, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, in Auburn.

Mr. Dollier was employed by Phelps Dodge (INCA) and then drove trucks for Commercial Lovelace and North American Philips of Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Dollier

He was a member of American Legion Post 97, the Auburn Moose Chapter 261 and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born March 3, 1929, in Marion to John W. Dollier and Effie P. Turner.

He married Barbara J. Martin on July 9, 1950. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lloyd "Ed" and Theresa Dollier of Auburn and Mark W. Dollier of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa K. (Dollier) and Roland Seiler of Auburn and April M. (Dollier) and James Ayers of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Emmett and Pat Dollier of Montpelier, Ind.; two sisters, Waneta Hicks of Montpelier and Betty McJunkin of Muncie; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Lendin.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Doug Zehr officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mooseheart Home or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Wirick

ALBION — Robert H. Wirick, 79, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at 5:56 p.m. at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A lifetime Albion resident, Mr. Wirick worked as a backhoe operator for 40 years at Kimmell Bulldozing. He retired in 1985.

A World War II Army veteran, he was a five-time past commander of Albion American Legion Post 246 and a member of 40 & 8 and the Albion Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Nov. 6, 1924, in Albion to Thomas and Lera (Hetlzel) Wirick.

On Dec. 1, 1947, he married Cleo (Kay) Cook. She died May 21, 1981.

On Dec. 12, 1981, in Albion Wesleyan Church, he married Ella Dustman. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters and their husbands, Ann and Bon Tucker of Bell, Texas, and Georgeann and Rick Drayer of Woodburn; three stepsons and their wives, William and Janet Jaurequi, Phillip and Christi Jaurequi and Jeffery and Anita Jaurequi, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, MaryBelle Kline of South Milford and Ruth and Bud Reinoeld of Auburn; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Thomas Ebbing officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military graveside services by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new information about surviving relatives.*

Lloyd Dollier

AUBURN — Lloyd D. Dollier, 74, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, in Auburn.

Mr. Dollier was employed by Phelps Dodge (INCA) and then drove trucks for Commercial Lovelace and North American Philips of Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Dollier

He was a member of American Legion Post 97, the Auburn Moose Chapter 261 and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born March 3, 1929, in Marion to John W. Dollier and Effie P. Turner.

He married Barbara J. (Martin) Dollier on July 9, 1950, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lloyd "Ed" and Theresa Dollier of Luther, Mich., and Mark W. Dollier of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa K. (Dollier) and Roland Seiler of Auburn and April M. (Dollier) and James Ayers of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Emmett and Pat Dollier of Montpelier, Ind.; two sisters, Waneta Hicks of Montpelier and Betty McJunkin of Muncie; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Lendin.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Doug Zehr officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

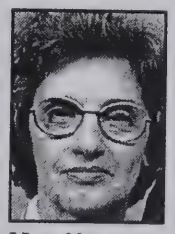
Memorials are to the Mooseheart Home or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Barbara Horrom

SEBRING, Fla. — Barbara J. Horrom, 83, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at The Florida Hospital in Sebring.

Mrs. Horrom was a homemaker. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Tri Kappa and St. John's United Methodist Church in Sebring. She was increasingly active in the church and was an avid seamstress.



Mrs. Horrom

She was born Sept. 29, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to Harley and Pearl (Corliss) Foust. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Marwin Daniel Horrom in January, 1942. He died Nov. 23, 2001.

Surviving are four sons, Herb Horrom of Auburn, Daniel L. Horrom of Littleton, Colo., David H. Horrom of Kokomo and Richard Horrom of Montpelier, Ind.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Sebring. Burial will be in Lakeview Memorial Gardens at Sebring.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to St. John's United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872.

The Rev. Walter Carr

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Walter Neale Carr, 80, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2004, at 5:20 a.m.

He pastored and served in radio ministries for more than 50 years, and before his retirement was the general manager of WFCV radio in Fort Wayne.

Born Sept. 7, 1923, in Wisconsin, he was a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and Taylor University. He served overseas with the U.S. Army in the 25th Division.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Robert Lauter of Auburn, Joy and Stephen Van Sloten of East Lansing, Mich., and Darlene and Robert Whitbeck of Quakertown, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and three sisters, Trudy Underwood of Arizona, Neva Poole of Florida and Oletha Rockhill of Arizona.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at North park Community Church, 7160 Flutter Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to North Park Community Church.

Marylin Carr

AUBURN — Marylin I. Carr, 74, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Carr was a homemaker. She loved and adored her children and grandchildren and had a passion for fishing and crocheting.

She was born April 7, 1929, in Kendallville to Guy and Ileth (Shippy) Brickly.

On Aug. 1, 1953, in Angola she married Maurice "Wayne" Carr. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Judy Knight of White Pigeon, Mich., and Gary and Pam Carr of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Steve Eberly of Hamilton and Cheryl and Michael Andrews of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lilly Hall.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Program.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Elton Snyder

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Elton Lee Snyder, 61, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snyder was a lifelong farmer and was employed at BF Goodrich in Allen County, Ind., for more than 42 years. He was a board member for the Financial Partners Credit Union. He was very active in The Oliver Chapter of the Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association (HPOCA) and was a past treasurer.

He was a 1960 graduate of Hicksville High School and attended Tri State University.

He was born April 18, 1942, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Lloyd Albert and D. Irene (Smith) Snyder. His father died in 1990. His mother survives in Hicksville.

He married Beverly Goodrich, the daughter of Ralph and Lois Goodrich, on April 24, 1987, at St. Paul's Historical Church in Hicksville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Jon Mickelson of Hicksville and Lisa and Steve Poiry of New Haven; a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Roxanna Snyder of Mark Center, Ohio; six grandchildren, Nate, Nick and Brett Mickelson, Amy Snyder and Jessica and Pete Poiry; and a sister, Dee Huston of Hicksville.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-9 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Oliver Gang or a charity of the donor's choice.

Raymond Eiseman

LAGRANGE — Raymond R. Eiseman, 83, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at his residence.

Mr. Eiseman was born in Kendallville on July 21, 1920, to William and Emma Mae (Schreiber) Eiseman.

He lived most of his life in LaGrange County, where he retired from the maintenance department of the Indiana Toll Road and the LaGrange County Highway Department. He also drove a school bus and was a janitor at the Wolcottville School.

Mr. Eiseman served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the V.F.W. in Kendallville and LaGrange American Legion Post 215. He was also a former fire chief of the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Eiseman married Geraldine June Coleman on March 17, 1950. She preceded him in death on May 3, 1983.

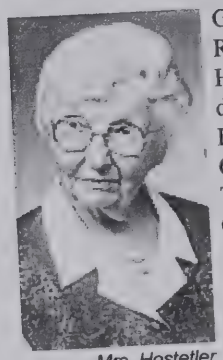
He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Suzi and Richard Marchand of LaGrange; one son, Raymond Edward Eiseman of LaGrange; one sister, Phyllis Barnes of Sherwood, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ruth Hostetler


Mrs. Hostetler

GOSHEN — Ruth Lydia Hostetler, 102, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at Greencroft Terraces Health Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Hostetler was born in Noble County on April 16, 1901, to C.A. and Emma (Yoder) Stoltz.

She lived most of her life in the Topeka area with her husband, Dewey W. Hostetler. The two married on May 19, 1921, in Topeka. He preceded her in death in 1975.

Mrs. Hostetler was a homemaker and served with the Topeka Women in Mission. She was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church, Sorosis Club, LaGrange County Homemakers Club and the Greencroft Garden Committee, and was a volunteer with the Greencroft community

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one infant son; four brothers, John, Garth, Fred and Thad; and one sister, Mary Saggers.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Saturday, December 6, 2003

Bryan Walker

CROMWELL — Bryan Christopher Walker, 20, died at 12:55 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Goshen General Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 27, 1983, in Goshen to Neil and Leota "Liz" (Grim) Walker.

He worked as a machine operator at BRC Rubber in Ligonier and enjoyed cars, music, video games and computers.

He is survived by his parents; one sister, Elizabeth Walker of Cromwell; grandparents Ralph and Leota Long of Cromwell; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Arvil Brown officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Ruth Crowe

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Crowe, 90, died at 8:07 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Crowe, a former resident of Blue Lake, was born on July 11, 1913, in Eel River Township in Allen County. She was the daughter of Wilson and Estella (Schoonover) Decker. She spent her formative years in Eel River Township and graduated from Huntertown High School.

She moved to Churubusco in 1939 and later spent five years in Sycamore, Ill. Returning to Churubusco, she lived at Blue Lake for over 30 years. She moved to Fort Wayne in 1990.

She was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church southeast of Churubusco.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, James W. and Barbara Crowe of Bloomington, Paul A. and Rosemary Crowe of Pocomoke City, Md.; a daughter, Nancy Crowe of Mooresburg, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Eileen Johnson and Mae Johnston; and two brothers, William and Don Decker.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be two hours prior to service.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Sunday, December 7, 2003

Bertha Albertson

AUBURN — Bertha V. Albertson, 73, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Albertson had worked for Hamilton Standard for eight years and then was a prep cook for Azar's restaurant in Auburn.

She was born April 26, 1930, in Auburn to William and Milda (Lehmbeck) Schrader.

She was a member of the Corunna Church of Christ, the Auburn American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary and <None>its color guard, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1842 Auxiliary in Garrett and the Fraternal Order of Eagles 1357 in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Gail Albertson of Orange City, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Linda Carol Gingrich.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Edna Cutshall

FREMONT — Edna "LaVonne" Cutshall, 97, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill care center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Cutshall was a resident of Clear Lake and Fort Wayne. A homemaker, she enjoyed reading, playing bridge, and bingo. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and the Fort Wayne Women's Club.

She was born Jan. 19, 1906, in Columbia City to Huber Alton and Lutrella (Love) Beeson.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and William Loomis of Venice, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jo Cutshall of Fremont; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law Susan and Jim Ruggiero of Alburtis, Pa.; two grandsons, Bill Loomis of Waterloo and Bob Loomis of Auburn; six great-grandchildren, Robert W. Loomis, Tiffany N. Loomis, Christin A. Loomis, William C. Loomis, Shawn P. Loomis and Jessica Ruggiero.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Charles Horace Cutshall in 1976, and her parents.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling arrangements.

Monday, December 8, 2003

Samuel Platt Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Samuel Platt Jr., 76, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was a retired Indiana State Police detective and was a special investigator with the Indiana Department of Revenue, retiring in 2000.

Mr. Platt was a recipient of a Sagamore of the Wabash presented by Gov. Frank O'Bannon for a lifetime of service to the state.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Phillips Platt; two daughters, Cheryl Engright of Fremont and Sandra Hoffmann of Fort Wayne; two sons, David Platt and Douglas Platt, both of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Grace Siebern of Churubusco, Emma Jane Hine of Roanoke, Lorene Gregory of Butler and Lucille Stapleton of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Ralph, Gerald and Russell Platt.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at the Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville.

Calling is today from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of Christ or the Indiana State Police Alliance.

Reign Ulm

FORT WAYNE — Reign Ulm, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at the Golden Years Homestead.

He was a graduate of Purdue University and was a mechanical engineer for over 30 years with the Graver Tank Co., East Chicago, where he was responsible for numerous patents.

Born in DeKalb County, he was the son of Robert and Nellie (Scholes) Ulm.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Ulm of Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren and three brothers, Grant Ulm of Fort Wayne, Clare Ulm of Venice, Fla., and Dwight Ulm of Clearwater, Fla.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Ruth (Roessner) Ulm, and a son, Robert Ulm.

There will be no service or calling. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton, Ohio, with arrangements by Krill Funeral Services of Edgerton.

Monday, December 8, 2003

Robert McCreary

FORT WAYNE — Robert T. McCreary, 67, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired from G.E. Aircraft, and had served on the board of directors of the MidWest America Credit Union since 1982.

He was a member of McMillen Park Youth Hockey and an off-ice official for Komet Hockey Club for 35 years.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict, he was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Diana McCreary and Scott McCreary, all of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Barbara Hickox of LaPorte; and four grandchildren.

A private burial service will be conducted in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Animal Shelter or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Donnabelle Zimmerman

LIGONIER — Donnabelle Chiddister Zimmerman, 77, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at the home of her daughter in Rome City where she had resided for several weeks.

Mrs. Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman was a homemaker and enjoyed traveling, reading, crossword puzzles, nature and taking care of her family.

She had attended Fish Lake Church.

She was born Nov. 8, 1926, in LaGrange County to Burl and Madge (Cobburn) Chiddister.

On May 3, 1946, in Franklin, Ind., she married A. Max Zimmerman. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, M. Dean and Chris Zimmerman of West Point, Ind., Rick G. Zimmerman of Hudson, and Gene A. Zimmerman of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly J. and Bob Kelley of Rome City; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Bob and Dee Chiddister of Ligonier and Betty Chiddister of Ligonier; two grandsons, 2nd Lt. Ryan D. Zimmerman, serving in Khost, Afghanistan, and his wife, Ashlan, and Evan Zimmerman of West Lafayette; a granddaughter, Erin N. Zimmerman of West Point, N.Y.; and a family friend, Eric Sebahar of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Leland Chiddister; and a brother-in-law, Robert Zimmerman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Wayne Stroh

FORT WAYNE — Wayne E. Stroh, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Stroh was a driver for Renner's Express for 30 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of Holy Scripture Lutheran Church and a past steward with Teamsters Local 414. He was affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army.

He was born April 12, 1929, in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth A. Stroh; four sons, Richard L. of New Haven, Randall W. of Huntington, Gary R. of Fort Myers, Fla., and Stan of Mount Etna; a daughter, Laura M. Rossi of New Haven; a stepson, Tod Lommatzch of Yoder; 11 grandchildren, 2 stepgrandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Holy Scripture Lutheran Church, 8811 Kinnerk Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. Memorials are to the Lupus Foundation or Holy Scripture Lutheran Church.

Kenneth Garman

BUTLER — Kenneth E. Garman, 55, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Garman was a carpenter for 10 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1976.

He was born July 17, 1948, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his mother, Lois Murphy of Auburn; a daughter, Mary B. Garman of New Haven; a son, Michael Garman of Texas; two brothers, George A. Garman of Hicksville, Ohio, and Randy L. Garman of Spencerville; two sisters, Betty L. Miller of Butler and Rosemary Mabee of Fort Wayne; and his stepfather, Richard Murphy of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Garman, and a brother, Steven L. Garman.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselaw Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Robert Guy

ASHLEY — Robert W. Guy, 66, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Guy served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, retiring Feb. 8, 1974.

He was born Dec. 11, 1936, in Detroit to Robert and Kathleen (Ewen) Guy. They preceded him in death.

He married his wife, Kazuko, on March 28, 1973, in Japan. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul Guy and Robert Guy Jr., both of California; and a sister, Barbara Davis of Kingman, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Guy, and a sister, Donna Berndt.

There will be no services or calling. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Craig Sonner

OSSIAN — Craig B. Sonner, 26, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, in Knoxville, Tenn.

A former Ossian resident, he was a forklift operator at Pepsi-Cola in Knoxville.

Mr. Sonner

He was in the Army Special Forces for eight years, serving in Africa, Bosnia, Italy and Afghanistan with the Fifth Special Forces Group.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and Auburn Boy Scout Troop 169, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a past member of the Mayflower Society and Alden Kindred of America.

He was born May 27, 1977, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by a son, Brian A. Sonner of Clarksville, Tenn.; his father and stepmother, Bruce and Susan Sonner of Ossian; his mother and stepfather, Debra and Dan Hoben of Auburn; a sister, Kerri VanCleave of Fort Wayne; and grandparents Ron and Joyce Sonner of Florida, Charles and Shirley Hall of Auburn and Nora Cramer of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian Chapel, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian, with the Rev. Willam Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery at Bluffton, with military graveside services.

Calling is Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Brian Sonner Trust Fund.

Kenneth Stanger

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth George Stanger, 71, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at his home.

He retired from Dana Corp. after 36 years, and he loved to travel.

Mr. Stanger was a member of the Church of Divine Science and American Legion Post 241 and he was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving on the USS Hickox.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ellen Stanger; stepdaughters Dorothy Hitzeman of Americus, Ga., and Kathleen Smith of San Clemente, Calif.; a brother, Charles Stanger of Fort Wayne; sisters Louise Powell of Spencerville, Joan Adamonis of Fort Wayne and Marjorie Koefer of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of the Divine Science or the American Cancer Society.

Phyllis Randa

WOOSTER, Ohio — Phyllis D. Randa, 78, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Randa worked as a secretary for Rubbermaid Inc., retiring in 1987. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and its Ladies Circle and Mission Guild, Professional Secretaries International and bridge clubs. She moved to Wooster from Muncie in 1972.

She was born June 12, 1925, at LaCrosse, Wis., to Jerome and Lisa (Winge) Inderberg.

She married Gerald Randa on Nov. 1, 1947. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Susan Randa of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David Randa of Wooster and James and Kathy Randa of Mason, Ohio; two grandchildren, Matthew and Lindsey Randa of Mason, Ohio; two sisters, Mavis Hoesly of Waukesha, Wis., and Dolores Spratt of Sarasota, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Evelyn Inderberg of Spring Hill, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, MacKenzie; her parents; two sisters, Gladys Welch and Bernice Blank; and a brother, Stan Inderberg.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Alan Nathan officiating. Burial will be in Sherwood Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Roberts Funeral Home, Sherwood Chapel, 7067 Cleveland Road, Wooster.

Memorials are to Hospice of Wayne County, 2525 Back Orrville Road, Wooster, OH 44691, or Zion Lutheran Church, 301 N. Market St., Wooster, OH 44691.

K. Dwight Carnahan Sr.

BUTLER — K. Dwight Carnahan Sr., 78, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Carnahan was a lifetime farmer in Wilmington Township.

He was a member of Christ Church in Butler.

He was born Oct. 13, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Glenn and Marie (Jarrett) Carnahan.

He married Phyllis (Henry) Carnahan on Feb. 1, 1948, in the Harlan Church of Christ. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kenneth Dwight Carnahan Jr. of Butler, Kelly Don Carnahan of Arcadia, Ind., and Kerry Dale Carnahan of Butler; two daughters, Melanie Lou Strong of Spencerville and Tina Marie Thompson of Hicksville, Ohio; one brother, Cecil DuVern Carnahan of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Mervin Carnahan; and one grandson, Adam Carnahan.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christ Church of Butler.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

LaDonna Baker

SPENCERVILLE — LaDonna Marie Baker, 69, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at her home. Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Services will be Friday in St. Michael's Catholic Church of Hicksville at a time to be determined. A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Carolyn Dayton

CHICO, Calif. — Carolyn E. Dayton, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at Enloe Memorial Hospital in Chico.

Born in Milwaukee, she was a nursing instructor at Parkview School of Nursing in Fort Wayne for 18 years, retiring in 1988.

She was a veteran of the Army Nurses Corps, serving during World War II, and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico.

Surviving are one son, Michael S. of Indianapolis; on stepson, Theodore E. of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; three granddaughters, Elizabeth Dayton of Dallas, Susie Sharpes of London, England, and Sally Lowell of Richmond, Va.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur H., in 1988.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 7308 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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Mr. Sonner

A former Ossian resident, he was a forklift operator at Pepsi-Cola in Knoxville.

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He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and Auburn Boy Scout Troop 169, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a past member of the Mayflower Society and Alden Kindred of America.

He was born Sept. 27, 1977, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by a son, Brian A. Sonner of Clarksville, Tenn.; his father and stepmother, Bruce and Susan Sonner of Ossian; his mother and stepfather, Debra and Dan Holben of Auburn; a sister, Kerri VanCleave of Fort Wayne; and grandparents Ron and Joyce Sonner of Florida, Charles and Shirley Hall of Auburn and Nora Cramer of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian Chapel, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian, with the Rev. Willam Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery at Bluffton, with military graveside services.

Calling is Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Brian Sonner Trust Fund.

Jerry Littlefield

WATERLOO — Jerry L. Littlefield Sr., 55, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Littlefield worked in the maintenance department at Kitchen Quip of Waterloo for 25 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born June 6, 1948, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Ray and Hazel (Ankney) Littlefield.

Surviving are a son, Jerry L. Littlefield Jr. of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Terry Preston of Fort Bragg, N.C.; a brother, Bruce Littlefield of Council Hill, Okla.; three sisters, Ida Neagle of Kerrville, Texas, Kay Newell of Petal, Miss., and Brenda Harrington of Aberdeen, Miss; several nieces and nephews; and one stepgrandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert Littlefield, and a sister, Doris Pardulosky.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Disabled Veterans of America.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

LaDonna Baker

SPENCERVILLE — LaDonna Marie Baker, 69, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at her home.

Mrs. Baker retired from Tri-Wall at Butler after 27 years of service. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Ohio, the Eagles in Butler and the Bowling Hall of Fame in St. Louis, Mo. She graduated from Payne High School in Ohio in 1952.

She was born April 30, 1934, at Monroeville to Francis and Elsie (Monnier) Lothamer. They preceded her in death.

She married Gerald Baker on Jan. 2, 1954. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Kathy Bailey of Butler, Vickie Johnson of Auburn, Christy Evans of Kinderhook, Mich., and Carrie Shetler of Defiance, Ohio; one son, Jerry Baker of Avilla; five grandchildren; four sisters, Arlene Goeltzenleuchter of Woodburn, Linda Adams and Carol Lemper, both of Hicksville, and Judy Kitchen of Hamilton; four brothers, Wayne Lothamer of Paulding, Ohio, Wilbur Lothamer of New Haven, Gerald Lothamer of Springfield, Ohio, and Norman Lothamer of Leo.

Services will be Friday in St. Michael's Catholic Church of Hicksville at a time to be announced. Father Thomas Oedy will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials are to Hospice of DeKalb County.

Thursday, December 11, 2003

Wilbur Hinton

FORT WAYNE — Wilbur C. Hinton, 83, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at River Bend Healthcare Center.

He was a die-setter for General Electric, retiring in 1982 after 42 years. He served as a volunteer firefighter at G.E. and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Terry Ickes of Fort Wayne and Pamela and Charles Kruse of Hamilton; a son, Wade A. Hinton of Fort Wayne; one brother, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Elnora (Hart) Hinton.

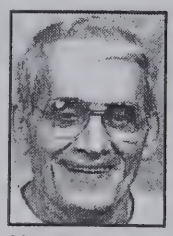
Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, with pastor Dale Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Joseph Costanza

ASHLEY — Joseph R. Costanza, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



Mr. Costanza

Mr. Costanza was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 31 in Angola and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. He owned and operated Custom Cleaners and Coin Laundry in Ashley for 32 years.

He was born Sept. 3, 1917, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Samuel and Marrietto (Guarino) Costanza.

He married Thelma Willhelm on Aug. 8, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Jo Constanza of rural Hudson and Kathleen Costanza of Ashley; three grandchildren, Chad, Erik and Brett Ritter; and four great-grandchildren, Ty, Morgan and Jase Ritter and Jessica Burke.

A son, David, preceded him in death in 1995.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, with Father Dave Carkenord officiating.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and Saturday from 10-11 at the church.

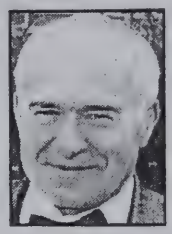
Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorials are to masses or RISE Inc.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Andy Fisher

AUBURN — Andy Daniel Fisher, 74, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Fisher

Born in Middlefield, Ohio, he was a self-employed painter and drywall craftsman for 30 years, retiring in 1997. He also was a retired farmer.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, a member of Gideons and the Hopewell United Brethren Church and a board member of The Cedars.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Margaret L. Fisher of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark A. and Tami Fisher of Auburn; Kenneth and Joyce Fisher of Fort Wayne and Joseph and Terri Fisher of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Lauri and Ernie Meyers of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Daniel Fisher, Andy Meyers, Jake Meyers, Amber Fisher, Ashley Fisher and Megan Fisher; four brothers, John Fisher of Middlefield, Ohio, Sam Fisher of Burton, Ohio, Daniel Fisher of Middlefield, Ohio, and Allan Fisher of Pennsylvania; four sisters, Emma Hostettler of Middlefield, Ohio, Lydiann Gingerich of Pennsylvania, Fannie Moore of North Carolina and Sara Burkholder of Huntsburg, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan J. and Katie; a brother, Eli; and a granddaughter, Madeline Meyers.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hopewell United Brethren Church, 6852 C.R. 35, Auburn. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Hopewell United Brethren Church.

Patricia Sorg

HUDSON — Patricia B. Sorg, 73, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Sorg was a homemaker and mother. She was a member of the Assembly of God church.

She was born Nov. 17, 1930, in Somerset, Pa., to John and Olive (Ohler) Patton.

She married George S. Sorg on May 31, 1952, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven and Joe Sorg, both of Kendallville; four daughters, Pamela Gill of Stroh, Robbie Williams of Edon, Ohio and Terry Johnson and Brenda Bach, both of Angola; two brothers, Richard and Robert Patton, both of Willshire, Ohio; five sisters, Bertha Patton, Alice Patton, Freda Patton and Betty Reinhart, all of Willshire, and Dorothy Constantini of Florida; and 14 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Clara Patton and Vickie Elenor Fugate, and a brother, John Patton Jr.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home of Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Richard Meyer

KENDALLVILLE — Richard C. Meyer, 74, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer was the founder of Orchard Hill Farms Inc. of Kendallville and served as its president for the past 33 years. He had operated a livery business in Chicago and a resort in Cable, Wis., before moving to Kendallville in 1969.

He was a veteran of the Korean War and had a lifelong interest in books and nature.

Mr. Meyer was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He was born June 21, 1929, in Chicago to David and Katherine (Ulrich) Meyer.

On Nov. 17, 1962, in Bellwood, Ill., he married Hertha Wenzel. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hertha Ann Meyer of Chicago; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick Meyer of Kendallville and Kurt and Nan Meyer of Kendallville; a sister, Elsie Valovic of Chicago; two brothers, Vernon and Kenneth, both of Forney, Texas; and three grandchildren, Sam, Hailey and Jack.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Arthur and Robert.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley Kessler of First Presbyterian Church and the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials will be to First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville, the American Heart Association, or the building fund of the Kendallville Public Library.

Logan Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Logan M. Zimmerman, 3, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash.

Logan was born April 28, 2000, in Fort Wayne, to Samantha Zimmerman. His mother survives.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Michelle Zimmerman and Tommy Zimmerman, both of Angola; and great-grandparents, Ann Ridenour and Margaret Zimmerman, both of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jordan Marie Zimmerman, on March 17, 2003.

Private services are planned.

Memorials are to Vernon Manor in Wabash.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling arrangements.

Ignacio Rodriguez

NEW HAVEN — Ignacio "Rod" Rodriguez, 79, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Harborside Healthcare.

He retired in 1989 from the Fort Wayne water filtration plant, where he had worked 15 years.

Mr. Rodriguez was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He loved wood carving and gardening.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; sons Arturo and Louis Rodriguez of Texas; daughters LaMar Meromontes of Texas, Alice Guerro of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Amelia Escobedo of West Bloomfield, Mich.; stepson Vernon Miller of O'Fallion, Mo.; stepdaughter Barbara Kistler of Spencerville; two brothers; 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by nine siblings.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Highway 930 E, New Haven, with burial at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 4 p.m.. and one hour before the servic Monday.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Southern Care Hospice.

Macye Martin

FORT WAYNE — Macye L. Martin, 84, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

Born in Keenan, W.Va., she was a bookkeeper for independent cafeterias at Dana Corp. for 17 years.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth E.; two daughters, JoAnne Hahn of Fort Wayne and Gloria Jean Mockovak of Tinley Park, Ill,; six grandchildren, Kim A. Heiser, Sandra K. Schlup, Thomas K. Schlup, Martin J. Mockovak Sr., Steven J. Mockovak and Catherine A. Jordan; 13 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Barbrah Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for Barbrah K. Clark, 92, are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson

Mrs. Clark died today, Dec. 12, 2003, at 12:35 a.m. in Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

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Patricia Sorg

HUDSON — Patricia B. Sorg, 73, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Sorg was a homemaker and mother. She was a member of the Assembly of God church.

She was born Nov. 17, 1930, in Somerset, Pa., to John and Olive (Ohler) Patton.

She married George S. Sorg on May 31, 1952. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven and Joe Sorg, both of Kendallville; four daughters, Pamela Gill of Stroh, Robbie Williams of Edon, Ohio, and Terry Johnson and Brenda Bach, both of Angola; two brothers, Richard and Robert Patton, both of Willshire, Ohio; five sisters, Bertha Patton, Alice Patton, Freda Patton and Betty Reinhart, all of Willshire, and Dorothy Constantini of Florida; and 14 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Clara Patton, Bessie Horner and Vickie Elenor Fugate, and a brother, John Patton Jr.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Saturday, December 13, 2003

Dorothy Bendele

WARSAW — Dorothy Bendele, 89, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at 4 p.m. in Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Mrs. Bendeled was a homemaker. She had been a Kosciusko County resident for 16 years, moving from Fort Wayne. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw and a charter member of the Fort Wayne Lapidary Guild.

She was born Feb. 19, 1914, in Noble County to Foy LeRoy Axtell and Bertha Verl (Parker) Axtell.

She married Paul H. Bendele on Feb. 2, 1936. He died May 24, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Donald Sweatland of Warsaw; 10 grandchildren, Judith Pownall of Warsaw, Jeffrey Sweatland of Anderson, Catina D'Anrea of Warren, Michael Bendele and Robert Bendele, both of Fort Wayne, Jennifer Stouder of Warsaw, Rebecca Sills of Warren, Jay Sweatland of Warsaw, and Kate Bendele and Virginia Bendele, both of Fort Wayne; 17 great-grandchildren and one sister, Doris Geeting of Angola.

One son and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw. Monsignor James Wolf will officiate. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Sacred Heart Singers, Sacred Heart School, 125 N. Harrison St., Warsaw IN.

Barbrah Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Barbrah K. Clark, 92, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at 12:35 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She lived in Kendallville most of her life and was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

She was born Dec. 4, 1911, in Hudson to Elmer and Mert (Frederick) Clark.

She is survived by cousins.

Preceding her in death was a brother, Garl, who died in 1918.

Graveside services will be Monday at Circle Cemetery in Hudson, following the calling, which is from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

The Rev. Willard Sanders will officiate at the graveside service.

Nannie New

NEW CASTLE — Nannie E. New, 96, of New Castle, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn, where she had moved in May to be close to her granddaughter, Nancy Stairhime.

Mrs. New was a member of the Knightstown Church of God for many years and was currently a member of the Northside Church of God in New Castle. Her other memberships include Order of Eastern Star Chapter 196 in Hagerstown and the New Castle Brotherhood/Sisterhood.

She was a homemaker and she and her husband had owned and operated the Kennard Cafe and New's Grocery in Hillsboro for many years. She also sold Studio Girl Cosmetics and Sarah Coventry Jewelry for many years.

She was born Feb. 6, 1907, in Wayne County, Ky., to Alvis and Jennie (Clark) Gregory.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence H. and Edith New and Raymond and Jeanne New, all of New Castle; a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Gordon Brown of Sun City West, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; four sisters, three brothers; a son-in-law, Max Dudelston of New Castle; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 47 years, Hester New, in 1969; a daughter, Anna Ruth Dudelston, in 2001; three brothers, two sisters and her stepmother, Wilma Gregory.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Northside Church of God with Brother Phil Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, with an Order of Eastern Star memorial service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Northside Church of God.

Stella Howe

AUBURN — Stella Howe, 80, of Auburn, died at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

In Knott County, Ky., on July 13, 1923, she was born to Noah and Francis (Conley) Gibson.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Penny Howe, Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Judy and Dennis Collins, Auburn, and Glenna Prinzbach, Holton, W. Va.; a brother, David Gibson, Brimfield; five sisters, Helen Zimmerman, Brimfield; Ruby McCoy, Avilla; Mae Gibson, Auburn, Fay Ruff, Turtle Lake, Wis., and Rosa Wood, Butler; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Terry Howe; a daughter, Marie Howe, a granddaughter, Tammy; six brothers; and six sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences can be emailed to: sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net

Howard Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Howard N. Clark, 92, of Kendallville, died at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at the Kendallville Manor nursing home.

On April 27, 1911, he was born in Paw Paw County, Mich., to Charles F. and Ella (Tyler) Clark. In South Milford he married Rosemary Gillespie on April 28, 1956. She survives.

Mr. Clark had resided in Kendallville since 1940 having moved from Michigan.

He was a Jukebox repairman, beekeeper and worked on slot machines. He was a member of the Elks Lodge since 1943.

He also is survived by a son, Robert Charles Clark, Cosperville; a daughter, Rebecca Clark, Kendallville; and a brother, Paul C. Clark, Niles, Mich.

A sister, Olive Shot, Kalamazoo, Mich., and a brother, Floyd Clark, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Avilla Cemetery.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Kathryn Loney

ENGLEWOOD, FLA. — Kathryn W. Loney, 74, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, in Venice, Fla.

In Angola on Oct. 12, 1929, she was born to Andrew and Belva (Loomis) Noragon. She married Leon H. Loney on Oct. 17, 1948, in Angola. He survives.

Mrs. Loney was formerly employed at GTE and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 Ladies Auxiliary, and she enjoyed her family and cooking.

She also is survived by two brothers, Wayne Loomis, Texas, and Dale Noragon, Sebring, Fla.; two sisters, Betty Foster, Sebring, Fla., and Elaine Richards, Angola; three nephews, John Hornbrook, Jr., III, Japan, Terry Wayne Loomis, Texas, and Greg Noragon, Indianapolis; and three nieces, Jacqueline Forster Godfrey, Heathrow, Fla., Karma Noragon Austin, Fremont, and Jo Hornbrook Lyde, Pensacola, Fla.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 Ladies Auxiliary.

Terry Doub

ST. JOE — Terry L. Doub, 58, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at 11 p.m. at his home in St. Joe.

Mr. Doub worked at Heidtman Steel in rural Butler. He had lived in St. Joe since 2000, moving from Dallas, where had spent nine years.

He was a member of the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett. He graduated from Indiana State University in 1967. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam era, he sang in his Navy platoon's choir.

He was born Feb. 14, 1945, in Butler to Max H. and Garnet "Pauline" (Koeppe) Doub. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Butler.

He married Patsy A. Alderman on Aug. 20, 1989, in Fort Wayne. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son, Carey M. Doub of Butler; a daughter, Ingrid Tom of Crooked Lake at Angola; a stepdaughter, Tamara R. Seifert of Auburn; a sister, Linda L. Wilder of St. Joe; and nine grandchildren.

An infant son preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Treatment Center of America or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

June Tropp

MONGO — June E. Tropp, 78, of Mongo, died at her residence at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003.

Mrs. Tropp was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

She was born in Fort Wayne on June 12, 1925, to Jim and Nell (Kramer) Peppers.

On Sept. 18, 1948, in Mongo, she married Frank Tropp. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Pam Helland of Auburn and Darien Hamilton-Tropp of Smithville, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stan and Jean Tropp of Wolcottville, and Tim and Amy Tropp of Auburn; a sister, Mildred VanHorn of Carlsbad, Calif.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

William Menges

LAGRANGE — William J. Menges, 80, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He lived in Auburn before moving to LaGrange in 1959.

Mr. Menges was a retired Lakeland School Corp. teacher from 1959 to 1985. He also was a piano tuner.

He was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, a life member of the National Education Association, a member of the Piano Technicians Guild and a former Boy Scout leader.

He was born in Steuben County on Aug. 16, 1923, to L.D. and Olevia (Lacey) Menges.

He married Doris M. Weicht on Aug. 17, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Richard Fremion of Huron, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, David T. and Rita Menges of Elkhart; a brother, Thain P. Menges of Auburn; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Philys Menges, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman and the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Missions of the Methodist Church or Riley Children's Foundation.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Johnny Banks
Spencer Banks
Gavin Banks

ANTWERP, Ohio — Johnny R. Banks, 28, Spencer D. Banks, 3, and Gavin J. Banks, 2, died Friday evening in a single-vehicle accident outside Antwerp.

Johnny R. Banks was born Nov. 17, 1975, in Paulding, Ohio, to Kim and Kim (Fisher) Banks. He was a valued employee of Classic Die Products at New Haven for the last four years.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Amanda Stafford, his newborn daughter, Chelsea Banks, his mother, Kim Resendez, a sister, Melissa Fisher, a stepmother, Nanette Gresige, and his grandmother, Sharon Meine, all of Antwerp; his grandfather, Paul Fisher of Coldwater, Ohio, and great-grandmother, Ruth Miller of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Spencer Banks was born March 31, 2000, in Paulding, Ohio, and Gavin Banks was born May 23, 2001, in Paulding to Johnny Banks and Amanda Stafford.

They are survived by their mother and sister; a grandmother, Vicki Stafford of Waterloo; great-grandparents Frank and Evelyn Mettert of Auburn; a grandmother, Kim Resendez; great-grandmother, Sharon Meine; great-grandfather, Paul Fisher; and great-great-grandmother, Ruth Miller.

They were preceded in death by their grandfathers, Kim Banks and Randy Stafford.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp. The Rev. Jim Edwards will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Phyllis Nusbaum

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis D. Nusbaum, 62, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nusbaum was retired from GTE Phone Mart. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she enjoyed gardening, her grandchildren and her church. She was a member of Waynedale Baptist Church.

She was born July 16, 1941, in Jackson Township.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph J. Nusbaum; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Brenda and Al Bowen of Cheltenham, Md., Vicki and Tom Spurling of Fort Wayne and Deborah Roberts of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard E. Baker of Fort Wayne and Darwin L. Baker of New Haven; a sister, Dolores Putman of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

A brother, George Baker, preceded her in death.

Services were today at 11:30 a.m. in Waynedale Baptist Church. Burial was in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Waynedale Baptist Church building fund or Parkview Hospice.

Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals was in charge of services.

Robert Treesh

FORT WAYNE — Robert Allen Treesh, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

He was retired from Perfection Biscuit Co. where he had worked 37 years. He also retired from Countryside Village Mobile Home Park where he had worked 10 years.

He was a member of Northside Missionary Church and a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Evelyn Rose; a daughter, Roberta Treesh of Fort Wayne; three sons, William, Frederick and Donald, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Melvin "Pete" Treesh of Garrett; a sister, Florence Brown of Alabama; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and consigned granddaughter Mia Stabelli.

Preceding him in death were his oldest daughter, Melinda Marie Sheets, in 1956; a brother Kenneth; and sisters Ilene, Betty and Annabelle.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Terry Doub

ST. JOE — Terry L. Doub, 58, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at 11 p.m. at his home in St. Joe.

Mr. Doub worked at Heidtman Steel in rural Butler. He had lived in St. Joe since 2000, moving from Dallas, where he had spent nine years.

He was a member of the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett. He graduated from Indiana State University in 1967.

An oarsman for the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era, he sang in his Navy platoon's choir.

He was born Feb. 14, 1945, in Butler to Max H. and Garnet "Pauline" (Koeppe) Doub. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Butler.

He married Patsy A. Alderman on Aug. 20, 1989, in Fort Wayne. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son, Carey M. Doub of Butler; a daughter, Ingrid Tom of Crooked Lake at Angola; a stepdaughter, Tamara R. Seifert of Auburn; a sister, Linda L. Wilder of St. Joe; and seven grandchildren.

An infant son preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Treatment Center of America or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evelyn Swing

HARLAN — Evelyn Swing, 87, formerly of Harlan, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a clerk at A&P for nearly 32 years and was a member of Harlan United Methodist Church and the Rebekah Lodge in Harlan.

Surviving are a niece, Rebecca S. Davis of Butler, and a nephew, Robert W. Smith of St. Joe.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Harlan United Methodist Church.

The Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Jones

AUBURN — Richard Lee Jones, 57, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at Bay Pines V.A. Hospital in Bay Pines, Fla.

Mr. Jones was a self-employed truck driver.

He was born Dec. 9, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Ralph Jones and Betty (Hamilton) Jones Albright. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons, Randy Jones of Garrett, Bobby Jones of Springville, Tenn., and Timothy Jones of Auburn; a daughter, Shauntel Brooks of Garrett; a brother, Ronald Jones of Waterloo; two sisters, Cathy Jones of Hamilton and Cheryl Clifton of Rome City; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial graveside services will take place Thursday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Faulkner

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert C. Faulkner, 75, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Faulkner was an independent timber buyer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1945 to 1948.

He was born March 29, 1928 in Bourbon to Clarence and Hazel (Norris) Faulkner.

He married Jean Wones on Dec. 18, 1971, in Columbus, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Robin Sue and Rick Foster of Hamilton, and four grandchildren, Michelle Marie Brown, Michael Edward Brown Jr., Christopher Scott Gessinger and Amanda Lee Foster.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Faulkner, a daughter, Patricia Faulkner Brown, a brother, Jack Faulkner, and his parents.

Graveside services will take place Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Pleasant Lake Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wednesday, December 17, 2003

Phyllis Thorne

GARRETT — Phyllis E. Thorne, 83, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at 11:58 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Thorne co-owned and operated the Thorne Studio of Photography in Garrett for 17 years with her husband, Robert M. Thorne. The studio was the official photographer for Garrett schools. In 1960, the studio won an award for delivering over a half million pictures for school children.

The Thornes moved to Garrett from Dallas, where they were instructors at the Southwest Photo-Arts Studio.

Mrs. Thorne was born May 21, 1920, in Avilla to Claude and Mable (Stewart) Stephenson.

On April 2, 1944, in Avilla, she married Robert Thorne. He died Sept. 8, 1972.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Kim and Lori Thorne of Garrett, Craig Thorne and Beverly Hume of Fort Wayne and Randy and Theresa Thorne of Leo; a sister, Doris Cantrell of Lakeland, Fla., one grandson, John Thorne of Garrett; and one granddaughter, Julia Thorne, also of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, June McKee and Sue Broderick.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Harry Hovarter

CORUNNA — Harry Dale Hovarter, 88, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Hovarter was a lifetime farmer in Richland Township. He was a school bus driver for 40 years, including more than 28 years for DeKalb Central schools.

He also was a custodian for DeKalb Central schools for more than 28 years.

He was a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau and attended Maple Grove United Methodist Church. He organized, coached and managed the area adult baseball league all-stars in the early 1940s and served as the association president for many years. He was an avid sports fan. He attended almost all of Indiana University's home games and attended and supported all DeKalb Central sports.

He was born Dec. 17, 1914, in DeKalb County to Adam Hovarter and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter.

He married Pauline Sherwood on Aug. 1, 1934. She died June 2, 1983.

Surviving are a son, John Hovarter of Corunna; a daughter, Carolyn Stahl of rural Kendallville; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, five stepgreat-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by many half-brothers and half-sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church or the Zion 16 Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Treesh

FORT WAYNE — Robert Allen Treesh, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at Parkview Hospital.

He was retired from Perfection Biscuit Co. where he had worked 37 years. He also retired from Countryside Village Mobile Home Park where he had worked 10 years.

Mr. Treesh

He was a member of Northside Missionary Church and a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Evelyn Rose; a daughter, Roberta Treesh of Fort Wayne; three sons, William, Frederick and Donald, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Melvin "Pete" Treesh of Garrett; a sister, Florence Brown of Alabama; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and consigned granddaughter Mia Stabelli.

Preceding him in death were his oldest daughter, Melinda Marie Sheets, in 1956; a brother Kenneth; and sisters Ilene, Betty and Annabelle.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Phillip Church

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Phillip E. Church, 31, died Dec. 1, 2003.

Mr. Church was a self-employed landscaper. He was born Oct. 6, 1972, in Montpelier.

He is survived by his father, Lawrence Church of Kendallville; his mother, Linda Phallan of Fredericksburg, Texas; and two sisters, Vicki Davis and Dawna Jones, both of Fredericksburg.

A memorial service will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Vivian Joseph

FORT WAYNE — Vivian M. Joseph, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, she retired from research at Walker Research Inc. in 1982.

She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are two sons, Charles L. Joseph of Auburn and Jonathon J. Joseph of Columbia City; daughters Marilyn M. Norvill of Marietta, Ga., and Jennifer J. Joseph of Forth Wayne; one brother, Richard Strebig of Fort Wayne; one sister, Charlotte Savieo of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Jude Catholic Church, 2201 Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Jude Catholic Church.

Alice Houser

SHIPSHEWANA — Alice Joann Houser, 64, of Shipshewana, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at her residence.

She was born May 1, 1939, in Albion to Dallas C. and Mary (Kessling) Leitch.

On Oct. 26, 1958, she married Donald Houser in Wolcottville. He died in 1998.

Surviving are her father, Dallas Leitch of Kendallville; her mother-in-law, Evelyn Rowe of Sturgis, Mich.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kim and Dennis Galinis and Patricia Jent, all of LaGrange; four sons and a daughter-in-law, David Houser of Shipshewana, Roger and Margo Houser of Bristol, Jack Houser of Fort Wayne, and Donald Houser Jr. of Michigan City; five brothers, Willard Leitch of Louisiana, Leo Leitch of Michigan, Ray Leitch of Iowa, Richard Leitch of Fort Wayne, and Danny Leitch of Florida; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marcille and Joseph Leatherman of Albion, Freda Leach of Garrett, and Rosie and Keith Johnson of Elkhart; and six grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her mother and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brenda Burnworth officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Pauline Rice

AVILLA — Pauline P. Rice, 79, of Avilla, died at 9:57 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A homemaker and a lifetime Avilla-area resident, she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. She enjoyed reading, puzzle books, playing cards and bowling.

She was born Jan. 25, 1924, in DeKalb County to Loyal and Beulah (Moree) Imler.

She married Max L. Rice on Feb. 21, 1942, in Avilla. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Coral and Oran Winebrenner of Huntertown; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Julia Rice of Garrett; a sister, Jean Uhl of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Jeff and Jason Winebrenner, and Lisa Rice; and two great-grandchildren, Haley Winebrenner and Maelee Kimmel.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

Catherine Wilson

BUTLER — Catherine L Wilson, 86, of Butler died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at 2:11 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

A homemaker, she was born March 22, 1917, in Rome City to Emil and Caroline (Engle) Bloomfield.

She married Homer Wilson on Oct. 5, 1935, in West Fairfield. He died Sept. 4, 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Teri Mack of Elkhart; a brother, Robert Bloomfield of St. Louis, Mo.; eight grandchildren, James Burns of Butler, Rick Burns of Antwerp, Ohio, Randy Burns of Pleasant Lake, Katie McCollister of Fort Wayne, Lynette Yontz of Waterloo, Gerald Likens of Hamilton, Diane Treesh of Butler and David Likens of Butler; and a son-in-law and his wife, George and Nancy Burns of Butler.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline Burns, three brothers, Clarence, John and Melvin Bloomfield, a sister, Bessie Castator, and her parents.

Services be Saturday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Lester Newcomer

GRESHAM, Ore. — Lester L. Newcomer, 87, died Dec. 5, 2003, following a stroke.

He was born Feb. 29, 1916, in Waterloo to William and Mae Newcomer. He moved to Oregon with his parents in 1935 and had lived in the Gresham area since 1945.

He worked in the nursery business and enjoyed gardening in his free time. He was a member of IOOF and the Gresham Grange.

Surviving are his brother, Gene Newcomer of Gresham, and sister, Wanette Ann Jones of Sacramento, Calif.

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Harry Hovarter

CORUNNA — Harry Dale Hovarter, 88, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn, just 28 hours before his 89th birthday.

Mr. Hovarter was a lifetime farmer in Richland Township. He was a school bus driver for 40 years, including more than 28 years for DeKalb Central schools. He also was a custodian for DeKalb Central schools for more than 28 years.

He was a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau and attended Maple Grove United Methodist Church. He organized, coached and managed the area adult baseball league all-stars in the early 1940s and served as the association president for many years. He was an avid sports fan. In former years, he attended almost all of Indiana University's home basketball games. He attended and supported all DeKalb Central sports.

He was born Dec. 17, 1914, in DeKalb County to Adam Hovarter and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter.

He married Pauline Sherwood on Aug. 1, 1934. She died June 2, 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Barb Hovarter of rural Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Jim Stahl of rural Kendallville; four grandchildren, Karen Bruner, Shari Gebert and Lynnette Duval, all of Auburn, and Diana Calcaterra of Cota de Caza, Calif.; two stepgrandchildren, Robin LaCrosse of Evansville and Tony Swogger of Connersville; 11 great-grandchildren, five stepgreat-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by many half-brothers and half-sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church or the Zion 16 Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jack Scott

FORT WAYNE — Jack A. Scott, 73, died at his home Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003.

He retired in 1985 from General Electric, where he had been a machinist for 36 years.

Mr. Scott was a member of Calvary First Presbyterian Church and the Southwest Conservation Club.

Surviving are his wife, Lois M. (Beucler) Scott; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cherie Scott and Jacalyn and Duane Green, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary A. and Dawn Scott of Hamilton; one brother, Richard J. Scott of Fort Wayne; a sister, Carolyn Baer of Garrett; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with the Rev. Alan Thames officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Calvary Third Presbyterian Church or the Heartland Hospice.

Monna Parks

AVILLA — Monna Fay Parks, 68, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1953, and worked at Richards Restaurants in Kendallville and Auburn for 25 years before retiring in June this year.

Mrs. Parks was an active member of the Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, serving as a Sunday school teacher for 35 years teaching nursery school children. She was involved with the Farm Bureau in the 1960s as a pet and hobby leader, and loved collecting dolls.

On Aug. 7, 1935, in Wolf Lake, she was born to Prentiss A. and Dortha Juanita Dazey Miller.

On June 26, 1954, she married Forrest Earl Parks at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla. He survives in Avilla.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are: three daughters and a son-in-law, Molly Lemish, Avilla, and Rebecca Kurtz, Auburn, and Amy and Keith Thompson, Avilla; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Scott and Janice Parks, Avilla, Troy and Cathy Parks, Huntertown, and Andrew Parks, Las Vegas, Nev.; 15 grandchildren, Jeremiah, Kelly and Janelle Lemish, Doreen and John Brewer, Sylvia and Mitch Figert, Matthew Kurtz, Joseph, Cody, Kristina and Melissa Parks, Paige and Kaylee McClanahan, and T.J. Thompson; a great-grandchild, Logan Brewer; and a sister, Lecinda Kiesling, Columbia City.

Her parents, a sister, Lenora Jean Leitch, and a brother, Frank Miller, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, from 3-6 p.m. Sunday and from 5-8 p.m. Monday, and at the church Tuesday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the Children's Ministry at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Charlotte Campbell

BUTLER — Charlotte M. Campbell, 71, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Johnson was a self-employed interior decorator. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church. A 50-year member of Butler's Eastern Star lodge, she was a past district deputy and past grand adah of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born June 11, 1932, in Butler to Harold W. and Esther L. (Kraft) Johnson.

She married Burton L. Campbell on March 2, 1950, in Charlotte, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley L. "Skip" and Connie Campbell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Tammi L. Campbell of Butler and Kris L. and Todd Webb of Auburn; three grandchildren, Marissa Campbell and Tiffany and Ian Fry.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Reynold Johnson.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dan Eckart will officiate.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 1 to 3:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Marjorie Lee

AUBURN — Marjorie "Betty" Elizabeth Lee, 75, died Friday morning, Dec. 19, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Lee retired from Magnavox in 1990 after 20 years of service. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 10, 1928, in St. Joe to Oren and Emma Jane (Mann) Inlow. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Ralph Lee in Fort Wayne. He died in 1979.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Keller of Lansing, Mich.; two grandsons, Joshua and Joe Keller of Lansing; a twin sister, Becky Grobis of Auburn; and four brothers, D. Paul Inlow and Loren Inlow, both of Harlan, and Donald Inlow and Roger Inlow, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicki Sue Keller, in 1952; three sisters, Flossie Hubbard, Mabel Furnish and Alta Anderson; and four brothers, Chuck, Tim, Harold and William Inlow.

Private family services will be held Sunday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with Pastor Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery.

Carl DeWitt Sr.

ANGOLA — Carl M. DeWitt Sr., 62, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a retired truck driver for Morrison and Sons, Coldwater, Mich. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and his grandchildren.

Mr. DeWitt was born Sept. 14, 1941, in Centreville, Mich., to Samuel and Martha (Johnson) DeWitt.

He married Jannita Gilkison on July 28, 1968. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Sandy Gipple of Ray, Ind., Kim Fisher of Fremont, Sheri Strong of Hicksville, Ohio, Brenda Lee Elcher of Hudson and Nicole Lensky of Fremont; two sons, Charles Root of Fremont and Carl DeWitt Jr. of Fremont; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jerry DeWitt of William Center, Ohio, and a sister, Yvonne Stohl of Toledo, Ohio.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont Fire and Rescue.

Arden Gill

ANGOLA — Arden Ray Gill, 100, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

He was a machinist at Warner Gear and also was a farmer and stone mason. He had also worked in a sawmill.

Mr. Gill was born Sept. 10, 1903, in Steuben County to Charlie and Enola (Sharp) Gill.

He married Sadie Monn in Angola Dec. 24, 1941.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Marlin and Randy Gill of Angola and Denny Gill of Edon, Ohio, and Kevin Gill of Hamilton; a sister, Leta Searfoss of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Marvin; two brothers; three sisters; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Willard McKinley officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Cartha Laird

ANGOLA — Cartha G. Laird, 92, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Laird was born April 2, 1911, in Angola, to Harley and Maude (Miller) Barnes. She was married to Robert Laird on Aug. 16, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 1991.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Psi Iota Psi Sorority, Rho Chapter, and was a 1929 graduate of Tri-State Normal College.

Surviving are a son, John David Laird of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Janice Green of Angola and Jeanne Butts of Decatur; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Barnes, and three sisters, Marian Barnes, Mona Day and Harlie Jean Bauer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Calling will be one hour before services.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Well Child Clinic or the American Lung Association.

Charleen Martin

LIGONIER — Charleen Martin, 62, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at home.

Mrs. Martin was born June 22, 1941, in Cromwell, to Charles and Delma (Wright) Yoder.

She was a lifetime resident of the Ligonier area. She had worked as a clerk at Shipshe Casuals, and was a charter member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church.

She enjoyed her family, as well as reading and traveling. She enjoyed spending time at Lake Wawasee.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael D. and Melissa Martin of Clay, N.Y., and Daniel W. and Christina Martin of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jon Light of Silver Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Stephen and Sylvia Yoder of Windsor, Conn., and John and Laurel Yoder of Eugene, Ore.; her mother, Delma Yoder of Ligonier; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ligonier Evangelical Church, with the Rev. Dave Kushman officiating. Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Richard Ruppert

KENDALLVILLE — Richard E. Ruppert, 79, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Ruppert was born Nov. 29, 1924, in Kendallville, to Ruben and Bertha (Potter) Ruppert. He married Aften E. Dunkel on March 13, 1946, in Kendallville, and she preceded him in death in 1988.

He was a factory worker, and had worked all types of jobs as a laborer.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, LeRoy and Marlene Rupert and Steven and Deanna Rupert, all of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Twana McPherson of Butler and Wanda and Philip Hall of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Norris Rupert, a daughter, Sue Hall, and a half-brother, Frank Harding.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at True Church of God in Jesus Name near Kendallville. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 9 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

To send condolences or sign the online registry, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Doris Dawson

HARTFORD CITY — Doris R. Dawson, 72, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at home, following a long illness.

Mrs. Dawson was born July 15, 1931, in Hartford City, to Earl Henry and Helen Katherine (Sibert) Sthrome. She married Emory "Dale" Dawson on Oct. 23, 1987, in Las Vegas, and he preceded her in death on July 12, 1991.

She was retired from Kerr Glass in Dunkirk, where she had worked for more than 30 years. She was a member of AMVETS Auxiliary in Hartford City, and belonged to the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Dunkirk.

She had moved back to Blackford County in 2000 after being in Panama City Beach, Fla., for 12 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathryn A. Hughes of Hartford City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard C. and Brenda K. Lambert of Panama City, Fla., and Michael A. and Anne Lambert of Hartford City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Earl R. "Bob" and Mary Jean Sthrome of Warsaw and Donald E. and Irene Sthrome of Panama City Beach; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Ora J. and Kimberly Crawford II, Sheryl L. and Ashraff Kaboud, Ryan C. and Wendy M. Lambert, Jennifer K. and Aaron M. Henderson, Michael L. Hunter, Angela M. Lambert, Christopher A. Lambert, Matthew C. Hughes, Abbie D. Reinig and Kelsie R. Reinig; nine great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Russell Sthrome of Thomasville, Ga.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, with the Rev. Bobby Thomas officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to Ball Hospital Hospice, 2401 University Ave., Muncie, IN 47303, or Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church, c/o Bobby Thomas, 0783 E. C.R. 100S, Hartford City, IN 47348.

Margaret Roy

LAGRANGE — Margaret C. Roy, 85, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Roy had been a bookkeeper and secretary for the Allen County superintendent of schools and worked at Fort Wayne Evangelical Reformed Children's Home. She had moved to LaGrange in 1999 from Tustin, Mich.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, Order of the Eastern Star in Harlan and the Business and Professional Women in Cadillac, Mich.

She was born April 5, 1918, in Butler to Rollo and Lulu (Dallas) Brodbeck.

On Aug. 29, 1937, in Topeka, she married Arthur V. Roy. He preceded her in death on June 2.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia L. Roy of Carmel, and a son, James W. Roy of Inkster, Mich..

Also preceding her in death was a sister, Donna Kelsey.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Helen Creecy

AUBURN — Helen J. Creecy, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003 at 1:54 a.m. in Wesley Healthcare.

She worked in housekeeping services at the Peabody Home in North Manchester. She was a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ and was an avid quilter.

She was born Feb. 8, 1914, in Stark, Kan., to Luther Douglas Hammonds and Ada (Murl) Hammonds.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Floyd "Cliff" and Carol Creecy of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Dorma and Dick Grossnickle of Apache Junction, Ariz., Carolyn and Lloyd Baker of Ortonville, Minn., and Maxine and Vernon Pratt of Wabash; 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leslie and Merl Hammonds and one sister, Marie Dillman.

Private family services were conducted this morning at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Dr. Robert Craig officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Monday, December 22, 2003

Mildred Anderson

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Mildred M. Witmer Anderson, 86, died Sunday morning, Dec. 21, 2003, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson was a busy homemaker. She was a graduate of Spencerville High School. She was a member of and attended Hopewell United Brethren Church until she moved into The Cedars. She then attended Grabill Missionary Church with her son, Jim.

She was born Jan. 5, 1917, in DeKalb County to Artie Ray and Blanche (Meyers) McNamara.

She married Bill Witmer on Nov. 4, 1939. He died Nov. 11, 1966.

She married her second husband, Cloyd Anderson, in March 1972 and he died Jan. 30, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Hop Troung of Springfield, Va.; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Susan Witmer of Spencerville; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Robert and Kay Anderson of Grabill; and six stepdaughters and five stepsons-in-law, Betty and Larry Bowyer of St. Joe, Sandi Anderson of Auburn, Kim and Cal Culbertson of Auburn, and Pam and Grant Norton, Cathy and Steve Culler and Debra and Eli Fuentes, all of Butler; three grandchildren, 15 stepgrandchildren and 23 stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Hilda Wasson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Hubert McNamara, in 1995.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church on DeKalb C.R. 35 at C.R. 68. Burial wil be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from noon to 3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to The Cedars, 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo IN 46765.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Raymond Ousley

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond L. Ousley, 66, died at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital. He had suffered a long illness.

Mr. Ousley

Mr. Ousley moved to the Kendallville area 50 years ago from Kentucky.

He was born March 28, 1937, in McDowell, Ky., to Jack and Mary (Fannin) Ousley.

On Nov. 3, 1956, in Stroh, he married Elsie Hunter. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Garrietta Christian of Corunna, Ruthene McDaniels of Kendallville, Kay Rea of Kendallville and Phyllis Terry of Kendallville; two sons, Gary Hamilton of Kendallville and Billy Ousley of Morton, Ill.; four brothers, Maryland Ousley of Austin, Ind., Billy J. Ousley of Kendallville, Danny Ousley of Wilcox, Ariz., and Eddie Bates of Wellston, Ohio; three sisters, Wanda Kale of Colorado, Avenelle Leach of Borden, Ind., and Patricia Thompson of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Kyle Allan Stanley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Earl Tackett officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

D'Maris Jackson

AVILLA — D'Maris A. Jackson, 73, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Provena Sacred Heart Home following a three-year illness.

Mrs. Jackson was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and was a homemaker. She enjoyed trumpet and organ music and doing crafts of chip carving, stained glass and painting.

She was a 1949 graduate of Avilla High School.

She was born April 16, 1930, in rural Avilla to Lawrence J. and Leila (Schmuck) Uhl. They are deceased.

On Sept. 20, 1950, in Kendallville, she married Dean Jackson. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Debra Jackson of Sanford, Fla., Dorinda Peck of New Castle, Del., and Deanna O'Conner of Marietta, Ga.; a sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Sam Shank of Avilla; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Deora Lee; a son, Douglas; and a brother, Robert Uhl in 1989.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Steve Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Frey

KENDALLVILLE — Harold D. Frey, 78, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He had lived at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn the past six months.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served from 1944-1946.

He retired in 1987 from Group Dekko as a machinist.

Mr. Frey was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He was born Feb. 11, 1925, in Auburn to Orville R. and Ada Pearl (Osbun) Frey.

On April 26, 1947, in Avilla, he married Marietha A. Weimer. She died July 8, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Elaine Simmons and her companion John Tilden of Shipshewana, Sheila and Jerry Gunthrop of Lafayette, La., and Julee Schrock of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Debbie Frey of Sarasota, Fla.; four sisters, Esther Harp and Marie Hartman, both of Kendallville, Jane Cunning of Paris, Ark., and Bonnie Moore of Manitou Beach, Mich.; three brothers, William Frey of Manitou Beach, Arden Frey of Adrian, Mich., and Kenneth Frey of Kingsford, Mich.; three grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Leonard Miller

AUBURN — Leonard V. Miller, 82, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Miller worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 46 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born July 28, 1921, in Smithfield Township, north of Waterloo, to Nicholas L. and Julia (Buchs) Miller.

He married Esther (Deetz) Miller on Aug. 24, 1944, in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Eileen LaRue and Valerie Gramling, both of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Joel Gramling of Angola, Tim LaRue of Auburn, Jeanine and Larry Kleber of Fort Wayne and Chad and Jenny Gramling of Auburn; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital or Masses at the church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Harold Woodward II

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Woodward II, 52, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Garrett, he was a member of the American Legion in Garrett and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the Independent Gospel Church in Ashley.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara of Kendallville; a son, Shane Egly of Auburn; a sister, Paula McDonald of Garrett; two stepsons, Everett Vance of West Virginia and Bobby Bolen of Indianapolis; and a stepdaughter, Sherry Vance of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Nelda Woodward.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Independent Gospel Church on the Auburn-Ashley Road in Ashley.

Calling is Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Tamera Rice

LIGONIER — Infant Tamera Denise Rice died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Crystal Harlan of Ligonier; her father, Kenneth Rice of Ligonier; a brother, Dennis W. Barr of Ligonier; stepfather, Freddie Shephard of Kendallville; grandmothers, Laura Rice of Ligonier and Tamera Groom of Kendallville, and a grandfather, Claude Rice of West Virginia.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Hildreth Sweeney

WARREN — Hildreth A. Sweeney, 96, of Warren, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at 12:25 a.m. in Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Sweeny was a Latin teacher and high school librarain for 40 years, spending 30 of those years at Garrett High School. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Garrett Business and Professional Women.

She attended Manchester College and Ball State University in Muncie.

She was born July 15, 1907, in Huntington to Edward and Mae (Stewart) Killen. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Ralph J. Sweeney on July 28, 1936, in Washington, Ind. He died May 3, 1963.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Phillip E. Sweeney.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren. Pastor Scott Moss will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Etna Cemetery at Huntington.

Calling is Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home.

Glancy Funeral Home-H. Brown & Son Chapel of Warren is handling arrangements.

Tamera Rice

LIGONIER — Infant Tamera Denise Rice died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Crystal Harlan of Ligonier; her father, Kenneth Rice of Ligonier; a brother, Dennis W. Barr of Ligonier; stepfather Freddie Shephard of Kendallville; grandmothers, Laura Rice of Ligonier and Tamera Groom of Kendallville, and a grandfather, Claude Rice of West Virginia.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Betty Jane Gerber

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jane Gerber, 84, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Jan. 19, 1919, in Kendallville, she was born to William and Bessie Belle Hinkley Eichelbaugh.

She married Gene H. "Andy" Gerber in Kendallville on Aug. 6, 1938. He preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1994.

Mrs. Gerber was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, and a homemaker.

Surviving are: a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Beverly Gerber, Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and James Kruse, Kendallville; four grandsons and their wives, Kent and Cindy Ziebell, Auburn, Michael and Terri Gerber, Kendallville, Scott and Denette Gerber, Albion, and Bradford Ziebell, Indianapolis; four stepgranddaughters and their husbands, Traci and Larry Kimes, Auburn, Staci and Brian Douglas, Indianapolis, Phyllis and Brent Meyers, New Haven, and Vicki Hecht, Lafayette; four great-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, at a later date.

Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home, 403 S. Main St.

Memorials are to LaVerna Terrace, Sacred Heart Home or Faith United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be sent to the family at: www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Thursday, December 25, 2003

Merry Christmas

no paper today

Olive Roose

BUTLER — Olive D. Roose, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at 8:40 a.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Roose was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 13, 1921, in Windsor, Canada, to George and Victoria (Peltier) Hankey.

She married Lloyd R. Roose on July 29, 1937, in Auburn. He died April 15, 1985.

Surviving are one son, Bill Roose of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Patricia DePew of Butler and Kathy Lehner of Fremont; a brother, Alvin Hankey of Butler; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband and parents; a daughter, Linda Haverstock; four brothers, Clifford, Charles, Donald and Billy Hankey; two sisters, Genevieve Lapp and Ima Jean Yoder; a son-in-law, Charles DePew; two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

Mary Moser

FORT WAYNE — Mary T. Moser, 91, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at Community South Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Moser retired in 1977 from GTE in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 29, 1912, in Waterloo.

Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Vodde of Indianapolis; three sons, Larry Moser of Wolcottville, Ron Moser of South Bend and Bill Moser of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren; and two brothers, Francis Schiffli of Fort Wayne and Stanley Schiffli of Indianapolis.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Edwin "Jerry" Moser, who died in 1970; one daughter, Sally; two sisters, Lucille Maldeney and Anna Dilley; and four brothers, Adolph, Carl, Leo and John Schifflie.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, at the corner of State Street and Randallia Drive, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Additional calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses.

Roslyn Freeman

KENDALLVILLE — Roslyn M. "Rose" Freeman, 75, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at 9:55 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Freeman was a homemaker and a lifetime area resident.

She was born Oct. 12, 1928, in Stroh, the daughter of LeRoy and Edna (Harris) Laur.

On April 25, 1975, in Rome City, she married LaVern G. Freeman. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ivan and Pam Rash of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Jerry Simon of Orrville, Ohio; a stepson and his wife, Randy and Brenda Freeman of Auburn; two sisters, Joy Gihle of Rockford, Ohio, and Susan Collingsworth of St. Mary's, Ohio; eight grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Stroh Church of God with Pastor Dan Conley officiating.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Mathes

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Clarence W. Mathes, 70, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at 6 a.m. in Community Memorial Hospital of Hicksville.

He was a former resident of Spencerville.

Services are pending at the Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

Forest Sellers

AUBURN — Forest D. Sellers, 99, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Sellers worked for Messenger Corp. in Auburn for more than 40 years, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and the Odd Fellows Lodge in Auburn.

He was born April 26, 1904, in Hicksville, Ohio, to John David Sellers and Lillie (Thacht) Sellers.

He married Dorothy Bard in 1926. She died in 1981.

In 1989, he married his second wife, Ruth Zerns. She died in 1996.

Surviving are a son, James S. Sellers of Middlebury; two daughters, Beverly Laier of Sarasota, Fla., and Margaret McKinney of Churubusco; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Lois Smith, and two brothers, Ralph and Howard Sellers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Wayne Michael will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Clarence Mathes

SPENCERVILLE — Clarence "Sonny" Mathes, 70, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at 6 a.m. in Community Memorial Hospital of Hicksville.

A former resident of Spencerville, he had been a resident of Hickory Creek at Hicksville for the past five months.

Mr. Mathes graduated from Spencerville High School in 1951. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Tractor Club and had been a truck driver for Irving Ready Mix, retiring in 1998.

He was born Feb. 12, 1933, at Hicksville to Harold and Florence (Hissong) Mathes. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Bonnie Guiff on Nov. 29, 1958. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Karon Schwartz of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Joan Mathes of Spencerville; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St. Hicksville. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Naomi Parks

ALBION — Naomi Parks, 70, of Albion, died at 4:05 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, in Parkview Whitley Hospital of Columbia City.

Mrs. Parks was a retired tool crib attendant at Warner Gear in Auburn. She enjoyed bingo, reading, knitting and crocheting.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Clem and Margaret E. (Wolford) Neher.

She married Lloyd Parks. He preceded her in death in 1984.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Donna and Danny Fletcher of Albion, Barb and Stu Rasler of Churubusco and Lee Parks of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Parks and Mike and Sandy Parks, all of Churubusco; a sister, Margaret Wilson of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Jim and Eugene; and a grandchild.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-4 and 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

William Lilly Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — William L. Lilly Sr., 66, died on Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Lilly was a foundry worker at Kendallville Foundry and retired in 1999 from Rivnut Manufacturing Co. in Kendallville.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1937, to Toy and Anita (Moya) Lilly.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Danny Joe and Mildred Lilly of Leesville, S.C., and William Lilly Jr. of Kendallville; a daughter, Teresa Wainwright of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Jackie, James, Dewey and Danny Lilly, all of Roanoke, Va.; two sisters, Annie Geiger of Smith Mountain, Va., and Donna Knight of Flat Top, Va.; a granddaughter, Amber Wainwright of Kendallville; a grandson, Damon Lilly of Auburn; and his ex-wife, Lois Brouillette of Kendallville.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion, following the services.

Calling will be Monday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences can be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Patton

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary Jane Abel Patton, 88, of rural Columbia City, died at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at the family residence east of Columbia City. Although she had been declining in health for some time, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Patton spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and graduated from high school there. She was employed as a cashier at Fortmeyer's truck stop in Fort Wayne for several years, retiring in 1973.

Mrs. Patton

She was born on Aug. 22, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Jane (Martin) Blust.

Following her marriage to John Abel, she moved east of Columbia City in 1942 and had lived there since then. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Her second marriage was in 1979 to Bert J. Patton. He survives.

Also surviving are two sisters and brother-in-laws, Pat and Max Augspurger of New Haven and Norma Jean and William Thomas of Leo; five stepdaughters, Jo Ann Patton and Sue Ianucilli, both of Churubusco, Shirley and Larry Farrell of Fort Wayne, Millie and Steve Creech of Auburn and Patty and Brian Kline of Waterloo; four stepsons, Michael Patton of Dallas, Larry Patton and Pat and Sandy Patton, all from Churubusco, and Bob Patton of Bayford, N.M.; 21 stepgrandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Marguerite Wolcott, Geraldine McMaken and LaVel Panyard; and two stepdaughters, Phyllis McLaughlin and Helen Miller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 5-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Helen Kimmell

KIMMELL — Helen S. Kimmell, 85, died at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Kimmell was a farmer and had been office manager for All Metal Products and Sprunger Brothers. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a lifelong Noble County resident.

Mrs. Kimmell

She was born May 10, 1918, in Ligonier to Ralph and Gladys (Bowser) Spurgeon.

She married Alan Kimmell on Oct. 16, 1941, in Ligonier. He died April 26, 2003.

Surviving are nieces Marcia Lozon of Austin, Texas, and Bonita Brown-Igleski of Middleburg, Fla.; and nephews Marc Brown of Oaklawn, Ill., Kim Brown of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Gary (Bing) Brown of Henderson, Colo.

Preceding her in death along with her parents and husband was a brother, Tom Spurgeon.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

Calling is Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, where a procession to the cemetery will form at 2:15 p.m.

Memorials are to the Parkview Hospice, Whitley County Division.

Rachel Harp

LAGRANGE — Rachel L. Harp, 80, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Harp retired from Famers State Bank, where she was a teller for nearly 25 years.

She was born Feb. 1, 1923, in Royalton, Ky., to Robert L. Oakley Sr. and Laura M. (Lewis) Oakley.

She married Delbert F. Harp on Jan. 31, 1942, in Valentine. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Barbara Harp of LaGrange and Gary and Kathleen Harp of Indianapolis; two brothers, Robert L. Oakley Jr. and Jon K. "Jack" Oakley, both of Howe; one sister, Betty Hubble of South Bend; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Roberta Kimble; and a brother, Johnson Oakley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fruriip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Maxine Bley

ST. JOE — Maxine Bley, 94, died Friday evening, Dec. 26, 2003, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She retired in 1979 after 28 years at Union Tool & Stamping, where she was secretary-treasurer and office manager. She was a member of the Star of the East Chaper 514, Order of the Eastern Star, and Teti Sheri Temple 60, Daughter of the Nile, in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 22, 1909, in Huntington County to William and Emma (Hart) Robb.

On June 7, 1936, in Huntington, she married Elmer L. Bley. He died Oct. 10, 1988.

Surviving are three grandsons; three granddaughters; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death along with her parents and husband were a son and daughter-in-law, Martin and Sandra Bley, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Worlie Newsome officiating.

Memorials are to Concord United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Charlotte Geeting

FORT WAYNE — Charlotte L. (Vian) Geeting, 72, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Geeting was born near Corunna. She was a homemaker and a member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, where she was instrumental in starting the Aldersgate Church Nursery School. She taught Sunday school and loved to work with children. She was a loving wife, mother and sister.

Surviving are her husband, Marvin D. Geeting of Fort Wayne; two sons, Bruce A. Geeting of Noblesville and Brian E. Geeting of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Cathea J. Webster and Ginger E. Lawrence, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Leoma D. Mitchener of Waterloo; one brother, Lyle Vian; and six grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a son, Gregory Allen Geeting.

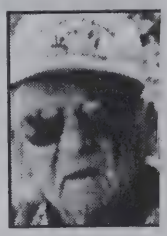
Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be at noon in Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is Monday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Erin's House.

George Dafforn

CHURUBUSCO — George "Jr." Dafforn, 88, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at 9:15 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health and had entered the hospital Tuesday after suffering a fall at home.


Mr. Dafforn

As a young man, he was engaged in farming in Eel River Township with his father. He drove a truck for Transport Trucking Co. and was later self-employed as a long-distance truck driver. He was in the business of moving houses and farm buildings for many years and was known throughout northeast Indiana for that work. He also was a self-employed crane operator in his later years.

Mr. Dafforn served as a Whitley County commissioner from 1972 to 1976 and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police 131 in Columbia City, Columbia City Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1906, the Noble County Gas and Steam Association, the Indiana Sheriff's Association and was a lifetime member of the Ideal Fish and Game Club in Churubusco.

He was born Aug. 21, 1915, in Eel River Township of Allen County to George W. and Maude E. (Scarlett) Dafforn.

He married Ruth Walker in Churubusco on Sept. 5, 1940. She preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 2000. They spent their entire married lives in the Churubusco community.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Gayle Doehrman of Churubusco and Joan and Reynard Herron of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Marsha Dafforn and George and Mary Dafforn, all of Churubusco; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife; four brothers, Ernest, Arthur, Raymond and Howard Dafforn; and two sisters, Hildred Snyder and Geraldine Schneider.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Fraternal Order of Police 131 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Carl Schott Jr.

ALBION — Carl A. Schott Jr., 69, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at 7:25 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a foreman with BRC Rubber Co., Ligonier, where he had worked more than 40 years before retiring in 1997. His hobbies were NASCAR auto racing, hunting and stamp and coin collecting. He was a 1953 graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Schott was born Jan. 28, 1934, in Elkhart County. His parents were Carl A. Schott Sr. and Josephine (Hall) Cole. They preceded him in death.

He married Norma Straw on Jan. 17, 1953, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Leitch of Wolf Lake and Teresa and Mark North of Cassopolis, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Denise Schott of Albion; 11 grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and one brother, Donald Schott of Chandler, Ariz.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with the Rev. Steve Halsey officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and Wednesday one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation.

Betty Herberger

AUBURN — Betty Herberger, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Herberger

She was a registered nurse and had worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Herberger was a past member of the R.N. Club and had been a Sunday school teacher for 17 years at the Auburn Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the church and its Ruth Circle.

She was born Nov. 28, 1923, in Auburn. She was a graduate of Auburn High School in 1941 and the St. Joseph School of Nursing in 1945.

Surviving are her husband, Robert B. Herberger; two daughters, Melinda Shaw of Charlotte, N.C., and Debbie Kaiser of Dallas; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a niece, Cindy Mandick of Tuscon, Ariz.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Donald Schaab Jr., and a sister, Suzanne Murphy.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and St. Ignatius Church, P.O. Box 261, Auburn, IN 46706.

Edna Wood

ALBION — Edna M. Wood, 105, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Wood was a homemaker.

She was born July 13, 1898, in Noble County to Albert and Mary M. (Huff) Addis.

She married Archie Carl Wood on Sept. 30, 1922. He died February 13, 1962.

Surviving are one son, Robert Wood of Kimmel; three daughters, Ruth Nedwed of Sun Valley, Calif., Mary Wolfe of Waterloo and Bessie Study of Osarch, Mo.; 26 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her husband and parents were three sons, Richard, Melton Leroy and David J. Wood; one stepson, John Wood; two stepdaughters, Goldie Goldwood and Martha Wood; a brother, Lawrence Wood; two sisters, Lucille DeCamp and Mable Guthrie; and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Patricia Kuhn

PLEASANT LAKE — Patricia A. Kuhn, 54, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at home.

Mrs. Kuhn worked at Tenneco Automotive in Angola. She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola.

She was born Feb. 27, 1949, in Ney, Ohio.

She married Ted Kuhn on Aug. 1. 1971, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Lois (Osmun) and Paul Howe of Angola; three sons, Brian Kuhn of Orland, Brent Kuhn of LaGrange and Brandon Kuhn of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Heather Gonzales of Angola; two brothers, Gary Pollock of Lincoln, Ill. and Royce Pollock of Angola; a stepbrother, Curt Howe of Pleasant Lake; a half-sister, Mary Reyes of Angola; a stepsister, Chris Brown of Hamilton; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Royce G. Pollock.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with associate minister Gil Alicia officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Hagerty

MOSHEIM, Tenn. — Former Steuben County resident Thomas W. Hagerty, 75, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at James A. Quillen VA Medical Center in Mountain Home, Tenn.

Mr. Hagerty was born Dec. 25, 1928, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to Elmer S. and Margret (Noragon) Hagerty.

A 19-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he served in Korea and Vietnam.

He worked as a pipe fitter and was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary F. and Randy Ritter and Karen and Les Gowthrop, all of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, Bernard Hagerty of Horton, Mich., and Jim Hagerty of Kendallville; two sisters, Eleanor Chevillot and Lela Jackson, both of Hamilton; two grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wayne Hagerty.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling is Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, with military graveside rites conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Blaine Thornburg

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Blaine W. Thornburg, 88, died at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003.

Mr. Thornburg was a plumber for 49 years, and was the owner of Thornburg Plumbing & Heating of Hicksville for 38 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in World War II. He was a member of the Bryan Moose Lodge and the Hicksville post of the American Legion. He attended Hicksville High School.

He was born Jan. 18, 1915, in Hicksville, to Ross and Iva (Sholl) Thornburg.

He married Helen Klingley on Nov. 5, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Lois Weeks of Fremont; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister and three brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Calling is today from 3 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with military rites by the Hicksville American Legion.

Memorials are to the Huber Opera House or a charity of the donor's choice.

James Gillingham

WOLCOTTVILLE — James E. Gillingham, 68, of Wolcottville, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Valley View Health Care in Elkhart.

Mr. Gillingham was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and had retired from Group Dekko International in Kendallville.

He was born March 22, 1935, in Sturgis, Mich., to Leonard W. "Jack" and Gladys M. (Seltenright) Gillingham.

Surviving are a son, James Ray Gillingham of Elkhart; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Beverly and Monroe Gage of LaGrange and Cynthia Jacobs of Garrett; and a granddaughter, Jenna Gillingham of Elkhart.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. John Altum officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fruriip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Jeanette McNutt

GARRETT — Jeanette McNutt, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at 7:40 a.m. in her Garrett home. She had resided in Garrett for 51 years.

Mrs. McNutt was employed as a proofreader at Renaissance Publishing in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1998.

Born Sept. 14, 1931, in Auburn, she was the daughter of John Durbin Fenstermaker and Agatha L. (Oiler) Fenstermaker.

On Nov. 7, 1949, in Angola, she married William L. McNutt. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeffery McNutt and Terry McNutt, both of Garrett; one sister, Mercedes Davis of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

Her parents and a sister, Marjorie Johnson, preceded her in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor David Farling officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

LaVerne Wells

LAGRANGE — LaVerne Wells, 80, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Farmers State Bank in LaGrange after 32 years of service. She had lived in LaGrange all of her life, except from 1988-2002, when she resided in Clermont, Fla. She was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Born March 3, 1923, in LaGrange, she was the daughter of N. Vern and Loesa (Omsted) Slater.

Surviving are one niece and her husband, Loesa and Robert Bowersox of Sturgis, Mich.; and two nephews and their wives, Charles R. and Sue Atkison of Garrett and Lee Roy and Linda Atkison of Norfolk, Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one nephew, Thomas Borkowski; and two sisters, Mary Borkowski and Martha Atkison .

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Lutheran Church of LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Camilla Taylor

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. — Camilla "Nell" Taylor, 74, of Elizabethton, Tenn., died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at Ivy Hall Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

She had worked for Levi Strauss & Co. and was a member of Brown Chapel AME Church.

She was a native of Carter County, Tenn., and the daughter of George and Mary (Johnson) Taylor.

Survivors include one son, Dana Taylor of Garrett; two daughters, Ellen Diane White of Warren, Ohio, and Sherry Denise Fleming of Salisbury, N.C.; two brothers, Earl Taylor and Charles R. Taylor, both of Elizabethton; one sister, Geraldine Taylor of Elizabethton; six grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, George Taylor Jr. and Albert Taylor; and two sisters, Helen Stover and Amelia McKesson.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Happy Valley Memorial Park with the Rev. James Reddick, the Rev. Anthony Horton, the Rev. Ernest Widby, Joseph Thompson and the Rev. Frederick Meredith officiating.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. at Hathaway-Percy Funeral Home, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, c/o Helen Wilson, 209 S. Riverside Drive, Elizabethton, TN 37643.

Condolences may be left at www.hathawaypercy.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Edna Wood

AUBURN — Edna M. Wood, 105, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Wood was a homemaker.

She was born July 13, 1898, in Noble Township, Noble County to Albert L. and Mary M. (Huff) Addis. She married Archie Carl Wood on Sept. 30, 1922. He died Feb. 13, 1962.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert W and Martha L. Wood of Kimmell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Howard and Ruth Nedwed of Sun Valley, Calif., Robert and Mary Wolfe of Waterloo and Jack and Bessie Study of Ozark, Mo.; a daughter-in-law, Hilda Wood of Tekonsha, Mich.; 26 grandchildren, and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and three sons, Richard A., Milton Leroy and David J. Wood; one stepson John Wood; two stepdaughters and a son-in-law, Carroll and Goldie Goldwood and Martha Wood; a brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Marie Addis; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ervin and Lucille DeCamp and Dale and Mabel Guthrie; and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with the Rev. Eric Stoops of the Hamilton United Methodist Church officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Brian Krontz

MISSOURI CITY, Texas — Brian Joel Krontz, 63, of Missouri City, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at his home from lung cancer.

Mr. Krontz had been a teacher. He graduated from Butler High School in DeKalb County 1958.

Surviving are a daughter, Jill Ann Krontz of Missouri City; a son, Brian Joel Krontz Jr. of Missouri City; his mother, Lois Krontz of Auburn; and three brothers, Bill Krontz of Butler, Howard Krontz of Kendallville and Dean Krontz of Jerome, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl D. Krontz.

Funeral services were held in Texas.

Louise Galloway

GARRETT — Louise "Weesie" O. Galloway, 71, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at 4:49 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Galloway was a homemaker. She had lived in Tavares, Fla. for the past 15 years before moving back to Garrett in August. Her great-grandchildren, Ashlee and Blake, were "the light of her life."

She was born April 16, 1932, to Everett M. and Myrtle (Owen) Vance.

She married Lester J. Galloway on Jan. 9, 1953, in Warsaw. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Lynn Jacobs of Garrett and Kenneth and Dana Galloway of Quincy, Calif.; her stepmother, Clara Vance of Ligonier; a brother, Leon Vance of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Lee Holm of Naples, Fla.; two grandsons and their wives, Shane and Julie Jacobs and Chad and Courtney Jacobs, all of Garrett; five granddaughters, Courtney Jacobs and Brittney Jacobs, both of Garrett, and Chalise Galloway, Chyanne Galloway and Cheyla Galloway, all of Quincy, Calif.; a great-granddaughter, Ashlee Jacobs of Garrett; and a great-grandson, Blake Jacobs of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Gwendolyn Galloway.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmel.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Edith Reynolds

AUBURN — Edith M. Reynolds, 87, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker and a former 25-year member of Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Reynolds

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jack L. and Carole E. Reynolds of Auburn, Jerry L. Reynolds of Auburn and Larry G. and Linda K. Reynolds of Grabill; a son-in-law, Roger N. Souder of Auburn; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildre; and two brothers, Carl J. Dillon and Ralph N. Dillon, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald E. Reynolds, former owner of the Cities Service station in Auburn; a daughter, Marsha A. Souder; her parents; a brother, Ray Sr.; and two sisters, Martha and Ruth.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ.

Joseph Gaskill

CULVER — Kendallville native and former general manager of The News-Sun Joseph Knowlton Gaskill, 89, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Merry Manor in Culver.

Mr. Gaskill

Mr. Gaskill had served as a reporter, advertising manager and general manager of The News-Sun during in the 1950s and early 1960s.

He was well known for his "Hoosier Traveler" columns, which appeared in many Indiana newspapers.

Mr. Gaskill retired in 1980 from The Herald-Times, formerly the Herald-Telephone, in Bloomington where he had been an advertising account executive and columnist since 1962.

He had worked as a reporter for the Garrett Clipper, the United Press bureau in Fort Wayne and the Plymouth Pilot-News in the 1930s.

During the 1940s, Mr. Gaskill was employed at the Kingsbury ordnance plant, served as a purchasing agent for John Meek Industries in Plymouth and Kraft Foods in Kendallville and head of training and advertising for Electric Appliances Inc. in Indianapolis.

He was a 25-year member of the Downtown Bloomington Kiwanis Club and active in the Kentucky Colonels, Junior Achievement, Monroe County Hospice and the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Gaskill was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Kendallville to Leo J. and Inez E. (Marsh) Gaskill. He was a graduate of Kendallville High School and attended Indiana University.

He is survived by a son, David H. Gaskill of Culver; two daughters, Jeanette Esce of Indianapolis and Rebecca Gaskill of Sellersburg; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jeanette (Harlan) Gaskill, who died in 1939.

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam.

Calling will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Monroe and Marshall counties.

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